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THE CAPITAL.

A Bill to Reorganize the Consular Service.

The Financial Prospect Brightening.

Receipts of Customs Duties on the Increase.

British and Irish Exports to the United States.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.
WASHINGTON, December 26, 1873.

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The House and Senate Commerce Committees are considering a bill reorganizing the Consular service. It proposes to abolish the fee system and substitute salaries altogether, decreasing the value of some offices and increasing others.

Probable Increase in Customs Duties.

The new rate of computing the value of foreign coin at the custom houses, which takes affect on January 1, will, it is estimated at the Treasury Department, increase our custom duties about one million per year.

No Reduction in Postoffice Estimates.

A member of the Appropriation Committee expresses the opinion that the estimates of the Postoffice Department cannot be cut down materially without serious injury to the public service.

The Prospect Brightening.

Things look a little more cheerful at the Treasury Department. The internal revenue is quite satisfactory, and customs duties are on the increase.

British and Irish Exports.

The Chief of the Bureau of Statistics furnishes the following comparative statement showing some of the principal articles of British and Irish produce and manufactures exported from the United Kingdom to the United States during the eleven months ending Nov. 30th, for the years 1872 and 1873:

Articles.	1872.	1873.
Cotton manufactures, piece goods, yds.	126,458,883	104,278,043
Iron, pig, tons	185,846	99,098
Railroad iron of all sorts, tons	62,357	22,689
Hoops, sheets, boiler and armor plate, tons	441,074	177,955
Lead, pig, sheet, piping and tubing, tons	7,590	2,635
Linen manufactures, piece goods, yds	111,472,000	97,400,679
Broad stuffs of silk or satin, value	$145,249	$74,570
Ribbons of all kinds, value	60,530	50,593
Other articles of silk only, value	92,010	89,836
Of silk and other materials, value	193,022	76,989
Wool (sheep and lambs), pounds	2,199,111	819,681
Cloths of wool, or wool mixed with other material, lbs	5,886,648	4,663,617
Worsted stuffs of all wool, or wool with other material, lbs	91,232,401	83,185,177
Carpets	6,656,434	4,904,681

Dress and Frock Coats.

Two parties were tried in the Criminal Court here to-day, charged in the indictment with the larceny of a "dress coat." The defence claimed acquittal on the ground that the garment was a "frock coat," and was not a dress coat. The prosecution held that a frock coat is a dress coat. No decision has yet been rendered on this point.

Case of General Howard.

It is contended that it would be illegal to appoint a court to try General O. O. Howard composed of five officers of the army superior to him in rank, as requested in the resolution submitted to the House by the Committee on Military Affairs; that if it is desired to increase the number of members above seven, it can only be done by a concurrent resolution of both Houses.

Annexation of Georgetown.

The subject of annexing to Washington the city of Georgetown, now divided by only a narrow stream of water, is eliciting no small degree of the attention of the citizens of the two cities, and it is very probable that a determined effort will be made this winter to induce Congress to perfect legislation necessary to the carrying out of that object.

Vaccination System.

The Board of Health of this city are agitating the question whether or not a perpetual system of vaccination shall be established here, as a promotion against small-pox epidemics.

FOREIGN.

SPAIN.

The Siege of Cartagena.

LONDON, December 26.—Special dispatches from Cartagena announce that Fort San Julian, one of the strongest defenses of the city, has been breached.

An accidental explosion in the Ferial Battery yesterday killed twenty officers and men of the besieging force.

Evacuation of San Sebastian.

MADRID, December 26.—Fourteen thousand Republican troops under General Martinez have left San Sebastian by sea. Their destination is not known. General Lema, with a force of three thousand Government troops, remains in the city.

Battle in Valencia.

A desperate conflict, raging between a band of Carlists and Republican forces, occurred yesterday before Bacayrente, in the province of Valencia. The insurgents were defeated with heavy loss in killed and wounded.

CUBA.

Affairs at Santiago.

NEW YORK, December 26.—Key West advices report as follows: The Canandaigua arrived at Santiago on Friday, and is now the only United States ship in that port. The officers of the Kansas reported that they were well treated ashore, the soldiers and sailors being careful to observe the salute.

There are two regiments at Santiago, one Cuban and the other volunteers. The former appear friendly and conciliatory, and the latter insolent and opposed to every concession.

WEATHER REPORT.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER,
WASHINGTON, D. C., 7:30 P. M., Dec. 26, 1873.

Probabilities for To-day.

For the New England and Middle States, brisk to high northeasterly to northwesterly winds, with stormy weather, will prevail, followed by clearing weather in the southern portion of the last named district.

For the South Atlantic and Gulf States east of the Mississippi river, and thence northward over Tennessee, southwesterly to northerly winds, with clear or partly cloudy weather, increasing pressure and a slight fall of temperature in the Mississippi valley.

For the Ohio, upper lake region and the Northwest, westerly winds, veering to northerly, with threatening weather and areas of snow, the temperature falling gradually, with clearing weather in the Northwest during Saturday.

For the lower lake region, continued stormy weather, with light to fresh winds and snow, with but a slight fall of temperature.

Cautionary Signals

Are continued at Norfolk, Cape May, New York, New London, New Haven, Woods Hole, Boston, Portland and Eastport.

ST. LOUIS.

Mysterious Murder.

ST. LOUIS, December 25.—The dead body of Mrs. Scanlan, the wife of Michael Scanlan, a driver of the St. Louis Transfer Company, was found in a tenement house this morning. The affair is involved in mystery, but the supposition is that Scanlan, while chastising his wife for getting drunk, struck her on the back of the neck, just at the base of the brain, with a fence paling, and killed her. Scanlan has been in the employ of the Transfer Company for sixteen years, and has always been regarded as a quiet, sober and industrious man. He was arrested. Mrs. Scanlan leaves six children.

A Young Swindler.

ST. LOUIS, December 26.—F. S. Rutherford, a son of the late Col. Rutherford, of Alton, Ill., and who has for the past two or three years had charge of the shoe department in the commission house of Craig, Alexander & Co., in this city, absconded on Monday with some five hundred dollars of his employers' money. He also purchased fifteen hundred dollars' worth of flour from Sayers, Shaw & Co., converted it into cash and started for San Francisco on Monday evening. Yesterday he was arrested at Cheyenne, and officers will be sent for him. He is only twenty-five years of age.

A Murderer Lynched.

CINCINNATI, December 26.—A special dispatch from Dobson, Montgomery county, Ohio, says at a shooting match near these yesterday two brothers, John and Henry Stone, quarreled about loading a rifle. John called Henry a liar, when Henry drew a revolver and shot and killed John. The spectators, being much excited, caught and hung Henry to a tree. When taken down life was extinct. Too much whisky caused it all.

HARRISBURG.

Reassembling of the Constitutional Convention.

The Members Happy.

The "Gazette" Comes in for its Share of Praise.

The Election of Pittsburgh City Officers to Come off in February, 1874.

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The members of the Constitutional Convention are beginning to arrive, and by to-morrow, no doubt, almost all the members will be here. Those who have arrived are in a happy mood and very jubilant over the result of their labor. They invariably give great praise to the press throughout the State, and especially to the OLD GAZETTE, as they call it, for the stand it took and the good fight it made in the Western end of the State. The Convention will be in session during next week, as a good deal of work remains to be done before handing the instrument over. The opinion of all those I have conversed with in regard to your city officers are that an election will take place in February, 1874. The special committee of the Convention that met at the Lochiel House to night transacted no business of importance.

ARCTIC.

RAILWAY STRIKES.

Locomotive Engineers and Firemen Suspend Work.

The Restoration of Former Wages Demanded.

Travel Partially Suspended on Several Roads.

Attempt to Throw a Train Off the Track near Cincinnati.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., December 26.—The engineers on the P. C. & St. L., Indianapolis & Vincennes, and Jeffersonville, Madison & Indianapolis Railroads struck at 12 o'clock. All trains leaving their starting point before 12 o'clock will run through. On the Indianapolis & Vincennes Road the regular passenger train went out on card time, and the night passenger trains on both the P. C. & St. L. and J. M. & I. will go out as usual in charge of engineers not members of the Brotherhood. There has been no disturbance as yet, and it is not anticipated the strike will extend to other roads. No trains have arrived on the P. C. & St. L. since 12 o'clock. The regular train leaving Louisville at 2 P. M. on the J. M. & I. road came in a few minutes late.

CINCINNATI, December 26.—A strike of engineers and firemen on the Pan Handle Road commenced here at noon to-day. The strike is against the reduction of ten per cent. on wages of the employes from the first of the present month, of which the agents of the company say previous notice was given. Nine noon two passenger trains and all freight trains on the Pan Handle were unable to leave the city. All branches of the Pan Handle and Pennsylvania Central are affected simultaneously by the strike. Reports concerning it conflict in respect to the time and manner of the strike. One story is that the strikers were to leave the train wherever it might be at twelve o'clock to day, and it is said this was done on the down train at Xenia, and that the conductor and brakeman took the locomotive and brought the train to the city. Another story is that all the strikers on trains before twelve o'clock noon should take them to their destination and then quit leaving them.

COLUMBUS, O., December 26.—The locomotive engineers and firemen on the leased lines of the Pan Handle road west of Pittsburgh struck to-day at noon, in resistance to a reduction of ten per cent on the salaries. The strike resulted in a general stoppage of trains, none leaving this point since noon. A press reporter reviewed a delegation of engineers to-night. He was assured that all they want is a restoration of the salaries paid previous to December 1st. They also declare that they will not interfere with any one who wishes to run their engines.

A train was run in from Dennison to-night by John Simmons, a master of transportation. Just as the engine pulled in the depot here, Simmons was struck on the head with a stone thrown by some unknown party, but was not much injured. The engineers say they are positive this was not done by any of their men. The engineers further say this strike is made only after two respectful protests against the reduction had been sent to headquarters without accomplishing the object sought. The yard here is full of freight and passenger trains, and much inconvenience to the travelling public will result unless the trouble is speedily adjusted.

D. W. Caldwell, Superintendent of lines west of this point, states that on December 1st a reduction of ten per cent. was made on all the officers and attaches of these lines, and that the engineers and firemen are the only parties who have not acceded to this arrangement. The reduction was made by reason of the financial condition of the country and a desire to keep all the men employed at pay them regularly.

CHICAGO, December 26.—The engineers and firemen on the Illinois Central, the Great Eastern, the Northwestern, and the Pittsburgh and Ft. Wayne roads struck at noon to-day, and no trains have gone out over these lines to-night. The strike is on account of the recent reduction in wages. It is thought a sufficient number of engineers will be secured without much trouble to put the usual trains on all the roads, perhaps to-morrow.

CHICAGO, December 26.—The Pan Handle officers are doing all they can to keep trains running. Out of seven passenger trains to leave the city this afternoon four went and three had to remain here. Nothing better is anticipated to-morrow. Up to midnight no freight had left since noon. Officers here had no intelligence of the strike until noon, the hour appointed for it to begin. They had a vague rumor of a contemplated strike, which came last night, but gave no indication as to the time when it would begin, and it was not credited.

Dispatches from Richmond, Ind., and various other points, report the strike simultaneous on all branches of the Pan Handle road.

CINCINNATI, O., December 26.—Superintendent Ellison, who went out on the 9:45 Pan Handle train east, reports an attempt to throw it off the track at Pendleton, which is the western part of the city, about three miles from the depot. He says an obstruction was made by winding something around a rail in two places, close together. At the first obstruction the locomotive jumped the track, and striking the second obstruction, took the track again and ran on without injury. The precise character of the obstruction has not been ascertained.

CLEVELAND, December 26.—The locomotive engineers on the Cleveland & Pittsburgh Railroad struck to-day at noon. The passenger trains were somewhat delayed, but were all run through. Several freights were abandoned. It is reported that there is a misunderstanding between the engineers, and that the strike is without authority of the Brotherhood; also that only twenty-five or thirty engineers went out, and that these have asked to be reinstated. With the exception of freights abandoned, trains are running as usual. No trouble is reported on the other roads centering here.

LOUISVILLE, December 26.—The striking engineers and brakemen did not notify the officials of the J. M. & I. R. R. of their intended action till the trains were ready to start this afternoon. After much trouble the 3 P. M. train was got out under charge of the Master Mechanic of the road. The strike will cause a suspension of all freight and night passenger trains. Arrangements have been made to run out daily two passenger trains in charge of engineers not belonging to the Union. Horace Scott, General Superintendent, thinks that by Monday he will be able to resume a portion of the freight trains.

Several striking men told a reporter to-day that members of the union on the J. M. & I. R. sent a deputation to Pittsburgh several days since, which met other deputations, who together waited on Mr. McCullough, General Superintendent of the Pennsylvania Company, and remonstrated against the reduction. He referred them back to the officials of this division. It is understood the members of the union on the Jefferson road awaited a telegram from headquarters at Pittsburgh before commencing the strike. The telegram was received this morning, and the strike commenced at noon. All trains starting out before noon were brought safely to their destination. No violence is reported.

Car Load of Christmas Organs.

The Erie *Dispatch*, 16th inst., says:

ANOTHER CAR LOAD OF BURDETT ORGANS.—At this time the Burdett Organ Company ship a car load of Organs for the holidays to their Pittsburgh agent, H. Kleber & Bro., one of the oldest and most favorably known music houses in the country.

This firm is noted for keeping none but strictly first-class instruments for sale, and for selling them on the most reasonable terms. Any organ, piano or other instrument, whether a Burdett organ or a Steinway piano, etc., can be relied upon as being absolutely the best of their kind. Persons preferring flashy, cheap made and superficially, though "showy," got up instruments need not call at Kleber & Bro's, as the fine musical judgment, good taste and integrity of dealing of these gentlemen constrains them to keep none but the genuine and the best, even though the profits be much smaller than on flash goods.

THE SUN.

A Spot of Unusual Magnitude and Brilliancy Visible.

It is Over Eighty-five Thousand Miles in Length and Covers Over Sixteen Hundred Million Square Miles.

The Interior of a Puddling Furnace a Descriptive Comparison.

Letter from Prof. S. P. Langley, of the Observatory.

During the past week, a spot has appeared on the sun of such unusual magnitude as to have been visible to the naked eye, and the occurrence is rare enough to attract attention, not only from professional observers, but from all who take an occasional interest in such matters. Such large spots, it is now well known, usually are visible, if at all, at certain definite periods, the last time of their maximum having passed some three years ago, and though smaller ones are at nearly all times seen with the telescope, it is more than two years since any has presented itself of the size of this, which, coming so far out of season, offers a spectacle which is not likely to be repeated for several years.

Perhaps, then, I may feel warranted in inviting attention to the spot in question, which can now be seen nearing the western side of the Sun where it is conspicuous with very little optical aid, and is even visible with attention through a smoked glass, looking like a small cloud on the brightness of the western limb, behind which it will soon disappear.

Through a great telescope the spectacle is remarkable, over forty smaller spots having united to form the large one, whose length is somewhat over eighty-five thousand miles.

Throughout this extent the surface is broken up and tossed into every form into which the solar cyclones can distort the intensely brilliant matter on which they are acting. Curvilinear outlines (the traces left by these whirlwinds) predominate, but the intricacy and beauty of the shapes are beyond comparison with any of the cloud-forms of our own atmosphere, as they are also more definite in outline. Some are crystal-like in the precision of their details; but while the crystalline patterns the frost traces on our window-panes are not more beautiful or definite, they cannot rival the vivid splendor of these solar forms, or bring up the impression we gain when we observe that as vast as the real dimensions of the latter must be, they are shifting and passing into new shapes from hour to hour, and even visibly changing while we gaze.

The interior of a puddling furnace, in which the white masses of iron are seen, looking like melting snow, is in miniature not wholly an unsatisfactory type of one of these, and perhaps, to a Pittsburgh reader such a comparison will be as descriptive as any which can be offered. The resemblance holds in more points than one, for iron heated to the point where it passes into glowing vapor, is one of the prominent ingredients in the clouds over and around the spot.

It is known that in our own blast furnaces, a comparatively small quantity of the metal is thus vaporized out of every charge, and the results of an interesting estimate, show that the total quantity of iron thus dissipated in the smoke of Pittsburgh furnaces reaches an annual amount of over five thousand tons—an estimate which is startling, but within the truth. With the help of this result, and that of measurements made at the Observatory, which show that the "spot" covers over sixteen hundred millions square miles, we may try to conceive the magnitude of the action which fills with the vapor of iron and the rarer metals such an area, every part of which is necessarily at a temperature above any that the blast furnace can rival.

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DR. THOMPSON, of Otterbein University, United Brethren, expects to make a visit to portions of Pennsylvania in the Christmas vacation, "to talk college."

SERVICES in the Central United Presbyterian church, Allegheny, to-morrow at the usual hours, 10½ A. M. and 3 P. M., to be conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. M. Johnson.

THE U. P. Presbytery of Allegheny held a regular meeting in the Sixth church, Allegheny, (Dr. A. D. Clark, pastor,) on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 9th and 10th.

THE Pacific M. E. church at Utica, Licking county, Ohio, will be dedicated to-morrow at 10½ A. M. Rev. I. C. Pershing will preach the dedication sermon and conduct the dedicatory exercises.

JAMES KELLY, Esq., has given to the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, a deed for ten acres of ground in Wilkins township, on which to erect buildings for the Western Pennsylvania Institution.

REV. T. C. GUTHRIE, D. D., has changed his postoffice address from Ogle, Pa., to Tallycavy, Allegheny county, Pa. Dr. Guthrie has been a resident of the neighborhood from which he removed for forty-eight years.

THE Prison Society for this county has determined to hold a public meeting, at an early day, in order that the public interest may be awakened in behalf of its objects. Rev. J. S. Milligan has been appointed President.

THE usual services will be conducted to-morrow at the Wylie street A. M. E. church, Rev. D. E. Asberry, late pastor of said church, officiating at 10½ A. M., and Rev. W. S. Lankford, pastor, at 7½ P. M. Cordial invitation to all.

REV. WILMIAM SMITH, D. D., pastor of the church of Miller's Run, Presbytery of Pittsburgh, was ordained Dec. 31, 1823. Not a single one of the ministers then in connection with the Synod of Pittsburgh, is now living, except himself.

EVERY one of the forty-six churches in the Presbytery of Kittanning, made a special contribution against the removal of the debt of the Board of Foreign Missions. Can this be said of any other equally large Presbytery in the Church? asks the *Banner*.

THE Baptists of Sneakleyville, Mercer county, are building an elegant church, which is approaching completion. It is forty by sixty feet, with spire over one hundred feet high. It will cost between $4,000 and $5,000.

THE North U. P. church of Philadelphia, Rev. Jos. R. Kerr, pastor, recently enjoyed a precious communion season. Rev. J. S. Sands, of this city, was present, and served the tables. Twenty persons connected themselves with the church, and two adults were baptized.

A LADIES' Foreign Missionary Society has been organized in the congregation of the Second United Presbyterian church of Allegheny, for the purpose of aiding the Board of Foreign Missions in prosecuting evangelistic work by means of female missionaries among the women of foreign lands.

REV. J. S. SPEER, of Buena Vista, Pa., has accepted a unanimous call to Canonsburg U. P. Church, Cartlers Presbytery, and will enter upon his labors among that people at the first of the year. This congregation is one of the oldest in the church, and its numerous friends will rejoice in the prospect of its future prosperity.

WE ARE pleased to know that the Fifth U. P. Church, corner of Webster avenue and Washington street, is enjoying great prosperity; that their finances are in an excellent shape; that the health of the pastor, Rev. S. B. Reed, is fully established, and that he starts on his seventeenth year of service in this city with high hopes.

THE coming year inaugurates the centenary of the United Brethren Church. The *Religious Telescope* says of it: "Our centenary year is near at hand. It is to us, as a Church, the year of jubilee. We have little more time to prepare for it. We ought to do a great and good thing, in the year 1874, for God and the Church."

WE extract the following from some correspondence in the current number of the *Presbyterian*: "Some wag said that the recent Constitutional Convention was managed by the Presbyterians. After the death of H. N. McAllister, Esq., of Bellefonte, Hon. Samuel Calvin, of Holidaysburg, was appointed as his successor. The wag insisted that this was clear proof of his assertion, as they had "now *sent old Calvin himself*."

THE Wylie avenue U. P. Church, recently dedicated, enjoys increasing prosperity. At the recent communion, thirty new members were added to the roll—eleven on certificate and *nineteen* on profession. This gives the astonishing average of about *twenty eight* at each communion since the organization of the church, a little over a year and half ago. And this is exclusive of the fifty-six who became members when the organization took place.

THE Presbyterian General Committee has determined to consolidate several benevolent boards, as follows: 1. The Board of Foreign Missions. 2 The Board of Home Missions, comprising Home Missions, Church Erection, Freedmen's Committee, and Sustentation." 3. The other Board is to embrace Education and Ministerial Relief. The Board of Publication is to be removed from the list of benevolent objects, and is henceforth to take care of itself and do its mission work from the profits of sales.

THE regular quarterly communion of the Third U. P. church was observed last Sabbath, at which time twenty accessions were made to the roll of the church. Whole number connected during the year now closing is seventy-two—and this only the second year of the settlement of the Rev. S. B. Frazier as pastor. This is a healthy showing of the work now being done by that live and prosperous congregation. The young ladies' benevolent society, Wednesday evening lectures and prayer meetings, young men's prayer meeting, Sabbath school, young people's meetings for conference and prayer, we are pleased to know, are all largely attended. By the energy and zeal of all these auxiliary meetings it is apparent the work is progressing.

THE twenty-sixth meeting of the Erie Protestant Episcopal Convocation was held in Trinity Church, Warren, on Monday and Tuesday, December 8th and 9th. The following named clergy were present and took part in the proceedings: The Rev. John F. Spaulding, D. D., Dean of the Convocation, and Bishop-elect of Colorado; Rev. Henry S. Getz, Rector of the Parish, and the Rev. Messrs. W. G. W. Lewis, of Meadville, C. F. Lewis, Smethport, Prothroe, of Oil City, Grange, of Corry, French, of Waterford, Tongue, of North East, Miller, of Erie, Clarke, of Emporium, Mackay, of Brady's Bend, and Tolman, of Franklin. There were held two business sessions and four public services. Sermons were preached by Messrs. Grange, Tongue and French, and Missionary addresses were delivered by Messrs. Clarke and Tolman. The next session of the Convocation was appointed to be held in the Chapel of St. Paul's Church, Erie, at 7:30, P. M., December 30th, the eve of the consecration of the Bishop-elect of Colorado.

THE American Evangelical Alliance suggest the following as a suitable plan for the observance of the Week of Prayer throughout the United States:

Sunday, Jan. 4: SERMONS.—The unity of the Christian Church; the realoneness of all true believers; hindrances and motive to union; the blessings to be hoped for from the union of believers in prayer.—John xvii: 21–23.

Monday, Jan 5: CONFESSION.—Our common unworthiness and guilt. THANKSGIVING.—For national, domestic, and personal mercies, temporal and spiritual. SUPPLICATIONS.—And special blessings on the Week of Prayer.—Dan. ix: 7; Mal. iii: 10.

Tuesday, Jan 6: PRAYER.—For the Christian Church; for her increase in faith, holiness and love; for persecuted and suffering Christians, every part of which is necessarily at a temperature above any that the blast furnace can rival.

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DR. THOMPSON, of Otterbein University, United Brethren, expects to make a visit to portions of Pennsylvania in the Christmas vacation, "to talk college."

SERVICES in the Central United Presbyterian church, Allegheny, to-morrow at the usual hours, 10½ A. M. and 3 P. M., to be conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. M. Johnson.

THE U. P. Presbytery of Allegheny held a regular meeting in the Sixth church, Allegheny, (Dr. A. D. Clark, pastor,) on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 9th and 10th.

THE Pacific M. E. church at Utica, Licking county, Ohio, will be dedicated to-morrow at 10½ A. M. Rev. I. C. Pershing will preach the dedication sermon and conduct the dedicatory exercises.

JAMES KELLY, Esq., has given to the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, a deed for ten acres of ground in Wilkins township, on which to erect buildings for the Western Pennsylvania Institution.

REV. T. C. GUTHRIE, D. D., has changed his postoffice address from Ogle, Pa., to Tallycavy, Allegheny county, Pa. Dr. Guthrie has been a resident of the neighborhood from which he removed for forty-eight years.

THE Prison Society for this county has determined to hold a public meeting, at an early day, in order that the public interest may be awakened in behalf of its objects. Rev. J. S. Milligan has been appointed President.

THE usual services will be conducted to-morrow at the Wylie street A. M. E. church, Rev. D. E. Asberry, late pastor of said church, officiating at 10½ A. M., and Rev. W. S. Lankford, pastor, at 7½ P. M. Cordial invitation to all.

REV. WILMIAM SMITH, D. D., pastor of the church of Miller's Run, Presbytery of Pittsburgh, was ordained Dec. 31, 1823. Not a single one of the ministers then in connection with the Synod of Pittsburgh, is now living, except himself.

EVERY one of the forty-six churches in the Presbytery of Kittanning, made a special contribution against the removal of the debt of the Board of Foreign Missions. Can this be said of any other equally large Presbytery in the Church? asks the *Banner*.

THE Baptists of Sneakleyville, Mercer county, are building an elegant church, which is approaching completion. It is forty by sixty feet, with spire over one hundred feet high. It will cost between $4,000 and $5,000.

THE North U. P. church of Philadelphia, Rev. Jos. R. Kerr, pastor, recently enjoyed a precious communion season. Rev. J. S. Sands, of this city, was present, and served the tables. Twenty persons connected themselves with the church, and two adults were baptized.

A LADIES' Foreign Missionary Society has been organized in the congregation of the Second United Presbyterian church of Allegheny, for the purpose of aiding the Board of Foreign Missions in prosecuting evangelistic work by means of female missionaries among the women of foreign lands.

REV. J. S. SPEER, of Buena Vista, Pa., has accepted a unanimous call to Canonsburg U. P. Church, Cartlers Presbytery, and will enter upon his labors among that people at the first of the year. This congregation is one of the oldest in the church, and its numerous friends will rejoice in the prospect of its future prosperity.

WE ARE pleased to know that the Fifth U. P. Church, corner of Webster avenue and Washington street, is enjoying great prosperity; that their finances are in an excellent shape; that

BEAVER FALLS, PA.

Christmas—Sabbath Schools.

(*Correspondence of the Pittsburgh Gazette.*)

BEAVER FALLS, December 26, 1873.

Our town has been jubilant for the last two days in the enjoyment of a Merry Christmas. The weather has been very fine, and the citizens generally made up their minds before hands, to have a *nice time*, and therefore prepared for it.

On Christmas eve the Methodist Episcopal, Presbyterian and Episcopalian Sabbath Schools met in their respective churches and held a jubilee with the children, and placed before them "Christmas trees" literally burdened with gifts for the schools. A large number of gifts passed from parents to children and from friends to friends. These schools, with their officers and teachers, including members, friends, and pastors, had a happy time. Their churches were filled to the utmost capacity, and all went away happy and highly gratified.

Yesterday evening there was a very large and interesting gathering at the headquarters of the Chinamen to see and take part in the Sabbath school jubilee and festive occasion held to promote the interests of the Chinese Mission Sabbath School. This Sabbath School was organized about fifteen months ago. It is under the general control of the Young Men's Christian Association, and has Mr. J. H. Fife for Superintendent.

Mr. Fife has a corps of excellent teachers, who stand by him in the work of teaching. Twenty-six of them can read English. About two hundred were served with a sumptuous supper. They had before them candy, pie, cake, apples, &c. They hesitated for a while, but when told by the proper person to "eat good," they went to work on the good things before them with a good degree of timidity, as so many were looking at them.

After supper the audience was entertained by a brief address by Mr. Fife and music by both Americans and Chinamen. Their musical instruments and singing are unlike anything I have ever seen or heard.

The Christian churches of our town all take more or less interest in the education and religious instruction of these benighted people, remembering the ancient prophecy, "the heathen shall be given to him for an inheritance."

These people are exceedingly docile and unobtrusive. The cutlery company deserves credit, as well as others mentioned, for their untiring effort to educate and Christianize the Chinamen in their employ. They made presents to all their teachers and the foremen in the cutlery under whom they work. They returned their thanks for their bountiful supper and the singing, by rising to their feet and clapping their hands.

The Second Street Methodist Sabbath School had a jubilee and Christmas tree for their children last night. The attendance was large and a large number of presents were distributed to the school, and among friends and families.

During the week our public school has had a good time in presenting gifts to teachers and principal. The Principal, Miss Forbes, manages her school of over five hundred with much ease and skill. W.

How Excellent

Is the furniture manufactured by Messrs. J. Meyer & Son, of Nos. 412 and 414 Penn street (east of railroad crossing.) The reputation of their furniture is well established as being of an honest and substantial manufacture. They do not deal in the "shoddy" article, preferring to sell the best, and that which can recommend itself. They are selling at very low figures.

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A Weed at Christmas

Is not anything singular, but a very appropriate Holiday present. For particulars call at 116 Market street and see the Weed Sewing Machine. de23:4t

The Girard Savings Bank,

which has lately opened as a Bank of discount and deposit at No. 58 Federal St., N. S., corner of Lacock, Allegheny, arranged the payments on its stock in such a way as to accommodate those who desire to lay up a part of their weekly or monthly earnings, and to invest it securely and profitably. Twenty-five cents a week is the payment on each share.

Capt. W. W. Martin is the President, Wm. H. Kirkpatrick, Esq., Vice President, and Mr. S. S. Bryan, Cashier.

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Mr. B. Teigel of No. 53, Smithfield street, is determined not to be outdone in the matter of affording his patrons the greatest possible benefit from the late stringency. He is offering the most stylish suits at a small margin on the cost of the cloth. No better place that No. 53 Smithfield to get an admirably fitting suit, made in the best and most substantial style of the tailor's art. Give him a call and see how well you can be done by.

Although Wattles & Sheafer have had an unexpected large Holiday trade, they still have a large and well assorted stock, a nice selection of fine Watches, Chains, Diamonds, Necklaces and fine Lockets, Sets of Jewelry, Cuff Buttons, Silver Ware and fancy goods on hand, and persons who have delayed purchasing presents for their friends would do well to call at 101 Fifth avenue and see their stock. *Goods will be sold at very low prices during this month.*

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When Admiral Van Tromp, the hero of thirty sea fights, had whipped the English and Spanish fleets, he placed a broom at the masthead, to show that he had swept them from the ocean. Mardorf & Co. procured the right to manufacture this broom, and with the improvements made by them, it has now become an indispensable article in every well regulated family making any pretensions to cleanliness. Ask your grocer for Mardorf's Broom. Take no other.

The Weber Piano

At Carl Retter's, No. 29 Fifth avenue. tf

Bona Fide Bargains

At Macrum & Carlisle's, No. 27 Fifth avenue. Many goods are marked at 10 to 50 cents on the dollar, and job lots at still lower prices. The object is to close out stock before February 1st, as a change of firm takes place at that time. So call and get bargains while you may.

Opera Glasses.

A nice stock at Wattles & Sheafer's Jewelry Store, 101 Fifth avenue.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1873.

BONDS at Frankfort 97½.

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GOLD closed in New York yesterday at 110½.

THE report of the Directors of the Union Pacific Railroad makes a favorable financial showing for the business of the year.

A SEVERE fight between the Government forces and the insurgent in Spain is reported, in which the Government troops were victories.

EX-MAYOR HALL was acquitted of the charges against him, because of his action in auditing accounts while Mayor of New York. In the meantime Genet is thought to have escaped on the steamer "Ontario," and Tweed languishes alone.

WHEELING has a new daily,—the *Evening Standard*. It is a small but remarkably neat paper, and is carefully edited, the news being collated with unusual skill. Its advertising department looks prosperous. It ought to, and we think, will, succeed.

CITY SOLICITOR COLLIS, of Philadelphia, has given an opinion that under the new Constitution the municipal election for that city must take place in February. If he is correct, ours must occur at the same time, as we have a Mayor, Controller, and Treasurer to elect.

REV. DR. CURRY, of New York, read an address before a State association, at Syracuse, on the relation of the State to the schools. He argued that the State should provide for the education of all the people at public cost, and compel its youth to receive it; that the State shall leave religious matters to the people, but aid religious schools in so far as they promote general education—carrying this rule even to higher education. The position taken is illogical and impracticable.

SPEAKER BLAINE has written a letter favoring the cutting down of public printing, and the continuance of the present postoffice system. He claims that the correspondence of members of Congress is not financially burdensome, if we except the sending of documents. And the unfairness of sending documents, on an average to one person out of forty, he regards as a reason why this kind of printing be reduced. He is right. What is valuable of these, the newspapers will cheerfully print.

THE manner in which the House and Senate have been playing into each other's hands on the salary bill reminds us of the fact that these very tactics were employed for years in staving off the repeal of the Franking privilege. The plan is to disagree as to details, and thus avoid a direct issue as to leading facts. But this will not answer before the people. It may be a nice and shrewd thing now to dodge, but eventually it will prove as uncomfortable as was the position of the man James Russell Lowell describes in "The Courtier"—

He stood a spell on one foot fust,
Then stood a spell on t'other;
An' on which one he felt the wust
He couldn't ha' told ye, nuther.

The people are in earnest on this subject.

THE Farmers' Granges continue to flourish and extend, and we commend to such of our Democratic and anti-constitution friends as entertain a lurking love for the farmers, that now is the time to display their interest. The Granges have been holding meetings at various points, and they display remarkable growth. Last week they were in session in Illinois and Iowa; this week, in New England and the Southwest. The Grangers of Northwestern Missouri, Eastern Kansas, and Southern Nebraska were in council in St. Joseph, Mo., Wednesday, and adopted the platform of the Illinois Farmers' Association. They also added two resolutions, setting forth determined opposition to special legislation, and demanding a uniform currency, on the ground that they were now obliged to sell their grain on a gold basis and to buy their supplies on the basis of depreciated paper money. At the same time, twenty Granges of New Hampshire came together and formed a State association.

THE INTERNATIONALISTS.

Chicago is being agitated, just now, by a body of men, who represent an organization which has come of foreign complications and ideas. The pressure of the times, and the consequent loss of labor and suffering among the poor is their opportunity, and over seven thousand persons, up to the present, have been enrolled in the organization known as the International Workingmen's Association. The original Association was the outgrowth of the revolutionary movements in Europe,—Carl Marx using those agitations to project his peculiar teachings as to society, the ownership of property, and the relation of these to the State. He advocated the interference with labor by abolishing competition and wages, leaving men to work under the influence of public spirit and making an equal division of the production. Another scheme of his was, that no man should be allowed to possess more than a certain amount of wealth; the surplus wealth to go to the State, to be used for public institutions, and to provide for those who are unable to provide for themselves.

Communism in France, and at Cartagena, in Spain, differs from socialism in that it advocates the abolition of the relation of husband and wife, and of the family estate, and its adherents have been distinguished by their violent and destructive propensities. They claim affinity with the Internationals, and insist that they teach its more advanced views merely. The depressed and almost hopeless condition of the laboring classes in Europe excuse, in some degree, their extreme ideas, and even their violent measures of reform. Even Joseph Arch, a mild, religious man, who has steadily opposed violence, has found it necessary to do what is, in one sense, a violence to industry—provide for the exportation of laborers, in order to reduce the supply, and thus compel justice to those that remain. The natural result of years of oppression is to cause those who are seeking to break from thraldom to go to the opposite extreme, and turn liberty into license. This is the reason for Internationalism.

But in this country the condition of those who labor, the character of the Government, and even the peculiarities of capitalists differ so entirely from what exists in Europe, that the reasons which are operative there should have no force here. There capitalists, to a large extent, either belong to or are affiliated with the aristocracy, whose traditionary oppressions of the poor constitutes one of the grievances complained of. And there, capitalists are not the active business men they are here, and do not intermix with, and learn thus to sympathize and ameliorate the condition of laborers. Here, as a rule, capitalists are in some measure, and usually in a large measure, associated with their workmen,—know them, and, to some extent, their history and that of their families. We have no landed aristocracy, and there are domains of broad and fertile acres that are offered as a patrimony to any laboring man who will settle upon and cultivate them.

The Government here is of the people, they can thus modify or change it, and the offices of the country are open to all. In Europe the people are not consulted as to Government, and partially for the purpose of holding them in subjection, immense standing armies are maintained, the expense of which is one of the grievous burdens imposed, chiefly on the poor. Here, as an evidence that the people are trusted, we have an army hardly large enough to prevent Indian depredations, and one, which is nothing in point of expense, compared with those in Europe.

But we hold it to be true that the willing worker, skilled or unskilled, can generally find employment in this country, at a fair remuneration. To select the present as an average period is not, of course, proper, as the panic prostrated business, and it is recovering but slowly. But generally speaking, no man who is willing to work need be unemployed; and it is also true that if sick, he will, if his wants are known, be cared for by private generosity, or public benefaction. There is no good reason why Internationalism should seek to set up its banners here. Yet it has, and in New York, Chicago, Cincinnati, St. Louis, and a few other cities, it has now a large number of adherents. To our minds, the reason is entirely plain.

There is a considerable number of persons who live by agitation. Any subject that will serve to agitate, and thus lead any class of people to contribute to a fund, from which these agitators draw supplies, is seized upon. How much experience the people of this country have had, in this direction, and how little they have learned. Lopez, and his Cuban liberation scheme; Walker, and his Nicaraguan expedition; the Irish revolutionists; the Fenian organizers—Stephens, Roberts and others; the leading agitators in behalf of Cuba, now; and last, and in a sense, worst of all, the International leaders, who in this time of suffering, entice the workingmen into their societies, under the false pretense of finding employment for them. What they really aim at is to use the masses thus enticed, to give themselves power, and to aid them, as a moral force, in their blackmailing operations. It is quite definitely known that of those who sign the international roll, few know or care for their principles, they simply care for work and food. But once entrapped, the aim is to indoctrinate them in the false principles of a division, or non-ownership of property.

Much of this difficulty comes, in our judgment, from a dereliction on the part of the authorities of the several cities threatened by the Internationals. It is a noticeable fact that in Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh, and other cities, where employers, by even extreme efforts, gave more or less labor to their workmen, or in default of this, the authorities or people organized effective systems of relief, this International nuisance has made no progress. Where this has not been done, the authorities are brought face to face with its threats and dangers. Had they prudently cared for their poor, it would have cost no more, and saved trouble. But we are well persuaded that with the return of business activity the danger will vanish away.

THE CONVENTION.

The Constitutional Convention reassembles at Harrisburg to-day, to officially canvass the votes on the adoption of the new Constitution. We do not know what view obtains among the members as to declaring the new instrument the organic law of the State. Before the decision of the Supreme Court at Philadelphia, touching one phase of this question, it was undoubtedly the opinion of the members that they possessed the right to declare the new Constitution adopted. But now it is argued by some that the law calling the Convention defines how it shall be promulgated; that the Secretary of State shall notify the Legislature, and that it shall then be proclaimed. This is an important issue, as, if the latter view is correct, the Legislature will meet and remain in session several days under the old Constitution, during which time special laws of great moment may be enacted. This and other subjects make the meeting of the Convention to-day an important event.

Apropos of this subject is the interest taken by the press of the country in the practical working of our new Constitution. It is regarded as in advance of all other documents of the kind, and if it works well will be widely copied. Says the current number of the *Iron Age*: "The adoption of such a Constitution is an interesting experiment, at least, and its effects in remedying existing evils and abuses, of purifying the atmosphere of the State Capital, of preventing the use of improper influences to secure special legislative favors and franchises, and of limiting the already dangerous powers of the great carrying companies, will be watched with solicitude, if not anxiety, by the people of the State. The great State of Pennsylvania needs a better and purer government than it has had for many years, and we incline to the belief that the new Constitution will be instrumental in compelling the Legislature to make the reforms most needed for the protection of the people's rights against the combined power of unprincipled political traders and their employers, the great corporations. We hope so, at least, and congratulate the people of the State upon the adoption of a Constitution which makes such reforms imperative."

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

A SOUP HOUSE has been inaugurated in St. Louis.

THREE persons committed suicide in Milwaukee on Thursday.

"An honest fellow here is laid,
His debts in full he always paid;
And what's more strange, the neighbors tell us,
He brought back borrowed umbrellas."

A KEY WEST dispatch says the United States steamer Pinta was suddenly ordered to sea last Wednesday night, under sealed orders. Her destination is known to be one of the Cuban ports.

A PROPOSITION is before the Ohio Constitutional Convention to elect the members of the State Senate for four years and the House for two years. This is following the example of Pennsylvania.

JOHN RUNYAN, engineer at the blast furnace of the Bellaire Nail works at Bellaire, Ohio, got caught in the machinery on Thursday morning, and is supposed to have been instantly killed. As Runyan was alone at the time of the accident, it is not known definitely how the accident occurred.

A SHOCKING MURDER was committed in Boston on Thursday morning. Joseph T. Hegner and Rutoine G. Huellet, both young Germans, carried on the trade of locksmithing, and slept together in the shop, where Huellet was found shot and terribly mutilated with a hatchet. Hegner confessed to the committal of the murder.

A BLOODY fracas took place at Groveton, N. H., on Wednesday evening, growing out of an attempt by Michael O'Leary and a Frenchman named Blockwell, both intoxicated, to enter a house of questionable repute, owned by a Frenchman named Gouye. The result of the fight was the death of Gouye and his son, a young man, who was killed by O'Leary with a club, the mortal wounding of Blockwell with an axe by old Gouye, and a bad wound on O'Leary's head from a club used by a female inmate of the house.

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THE CONSTITUTION.

Official Returns of the Election.

The State Department at Harrisburg has received the following official [illegible] the new Constitution, [illegible] the returns from every county in the State.

	For.	Against.
Adams	637	2,461
Allegheny	18,315	1,895
Armstrong	2,456	1,017
Beaver	4,037	1,759
Bedford	2,211	774
Berks	9,114	1,866
Blair	1,782	2,348
Bradford	4,340	1,193
Bucks	4,445	2,935
Butler	3,377	496
Cambria	1,972	1,813
Cameron	419	50
Carbon	1,747	699
Centre	2,911	1,077
Chester	5,630	797
Clarion	2,287	945
Clearfield	1,425	1,222
Clinton	2,374	161
Columbia	2,308	784
Crawford	5,608	841
Cumberland	3,360	1,664
Dauphin	3,119	4,032
Delaware	1,866	797
Elk	592	229
Erie	6,624	742
Fayette	2,727	883
Forest	330	18
Franklin	2,904	1,275
Fulton	883	98
Greene	988	1,864
Huntingdon	2,468	494
Indiana	1,599	3,152
Jefferson	1,396	912
Juniata	931	639
Lancaster	8,102	4,447
Lawrence	2,508	223
Lebanon	1,576	1,849
Lehigh	3,072	1,897
Luzerne	5,689	2,501
Lycoming	3,814	1,744
M'K'an	1,093	64
Mercer	3,890	2,104
Mifflin	1,599	376
Monroe	1,640	381
Montgomery	6,354	2,959
Montour	1,065	154
Northampton	3,245	2,581
Northumberland	2,170	1,621
Perry	1,491	1,916
Philadelphia	59,114	24,994
Pike	668	63
Potter	549	617
Schuylkill	6,156	2,020
Snyder	408	2,236
Somerset	892	2,972
Sullivan	584	197
Susquehanna	2,973	331
Tioga	2,561	1,910
Union	1,599	317
Venango	4,716	189
Warren	2,487	128
Washington	4,626	638
Wayne	1,560	257
Westmoreland	4,081	2,456
Wyoming	1,756	125
York	4,514	3,091
Total vote	253,744	108,594
	108,594	
Majority	145,150	

The following is a comparison of the vote on the Constitutions in 1838 and 1873, compared with the vote for Governor in the former year, and for State Treasurer in the latter year:

Year.	For.	Against.	Maj'y.	Total.
1838. Constitution	113,671	12,739	1,212	126,780
	Porter,	Ritner.		
1838. Governor	133 555	126,020	7,526	259,584
	For.	Against.		
1873. Constitution	253,741	108,594	145,150	362 338
	Hartranft.	Mercur.		
1873. State Treas.	244 823	219,471	25 352	464,294

PERSONAL.

REV. DR. A. P. PEABODY delivered an eloquent eulogy on the late Prof. Agassiz at Appleton Chapel, Cambridge, Mass., on Sunday. His text was Isaiah xl. 8: "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth, but the word of our God stands forever."

LIEUTENANT STOCKTON, of the United States Navy, son of Rev. W. R Stockton, rector of St. Peter's church, Phœnixville, Pa., has brought his father a sufficient amount of water from the river Jordan to answer for baptismal purposes for several years.

THEY are talking of running John C. Breckinridge for Governor in Kentucky. He hasn't run for anything since he ran for the seaboard in 1865, when the Michigan Fourth cavalry hoped to "elect" him. If he runs as well in Kentucky as he did in South Carolina, he will go in.

THE twelve new Cardinals appointed at the Consistory on the 22d inst. are supposed to be Monsignori, Chigi, Valcinelli, Franchi, and Oreglia, the Prince Primate of Hungary, the Archbishop of Salzburg, Father Tarquini (a Jesuit), Father Martinelli, the Archbishop of Paris, the Archbishop of Cambrai, and the Bishop of Valencia.

THE Hon. Alexander H. Stephens has written a long letter defending himself against the attacks of a Georgia newspaper upon his salary-grab defense, which he closes in this way: "On all occasions when duty requires it, I give my opinion to the public without any regard to whether it be acceptable or not to those to whom it is given. The only man, in my opinion, who is fit to represent a free people, is one who has the integrity and firmness to utter what might be, in his estimation, more in accordance with their passions or prejudices."

JOHN O. HOPKINS, who was reputed the wealthiest citizen in Baltimore, died Wednesday morning at his residence in that city, in the seventy-ninth year of his age, after several weeks' illness. Since 1812 the deceased had been engaged in active business in Baltimore up to his recent illness. He was prominently identified with all the leading industries, mercantile, commercial, banking, and railroad, and amassed a large fortune. In March last he gave property valued at $4,000,000 to founding a free hospital in the city for indigent sick and poor, without regard to sex, age, or color, connected with which is a training school for nurses. Mr. Hopkins also provided for founding a university on his valuable estate "Clifton," near the city, setting apart for that purpose it is said 15,000 shares of Baltimore & Ohio Railroad stock, valued at $2,000,000.

TO RUPTURED PEOPLE.

To the general public the subject of rupture or bubonocele is a matter of very little interest. To one-sixth of the male portion of the community, however, it is a matter of grave and serious import, as that proportionate number are afflicted with that direful malady. Many of those afflicted are hardly aware of the fact that they are so; and there are others again who are apt to mistake rupture for some other disease, and again some other disease for rupture. In a displacement of the kind of which we are writing it is a serious fault to be in error. A delay of one day in procuring medical relief has often been at the expense of a life. Those who read this, will thank us for the knowledge of the fact, that there is a relief in every case, and a cure in many cases, in which a cure may be thought impossible. We invite all persons who are ruptured or who suspect themselves to be so, to call and procure the right kind of an appliance or ascertain if an appliance is necessary. Trusses at lower prices than anywhere in the city. at DR. KEYSER'S, 167 Liberty street. Office private.

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At $18.00—reduced from $25.00.
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All our FUR GLOVES reduced to close out the stock during the Holiday season.

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Hoods,
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Ladies' Furs,
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AT 18 3-4 CENTS,

Polka Spot and Ring Patterns Tycoon Reppe—a good bargain.

AT 37 1-2 CENTS,

The best value in this market in a Black Alpaca—same quality as sold elsewhere for 50c.

AT 50 CENTS,

A splendid quality of Black Alpaca—regular retail price 75c.

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One case Colored Mohairs—reduced from 50c.

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Silk Striped Poplins—reduced from 50c.

AT 12 1-2 CENTS,

A large assortment of DRESS GOODS—reduced from 20, 25 and 31c, to close out.

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THIRTY-SEVENTH SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT of the DOLLAR SAVINGS BANK, 124 Fourth avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.

LIABILITIES.

Amount due Depositors, Dec. 1, 1873	$3,660,736 66
Dividends due Dec. 1, 1873	162,400 00
Contingent Fund, Dec. 1, 1873	174 513 80
Total Liabilities	$3,937,223 36

ASSETS.

Loans on Bond and Mortgage	$2,862 370 02
Mortgage more 1 due	11,481 00
Bills Receivable	1,000 00
Stock in Pittsburgh Banks	71,634 04
U. S. 6 per cent. 1867 and 1868	300,000 00
U. S. 5-20 per cent. Bonds, 1881	50,000 00
U. S. 6 per cent. Currency Bonds	150 000 00
Pittsburgh Seven per cents	50 000 00
Water Extension Bonds	126 314 75
Real Estate	12,671 79
Bank Furniture, Safe, &c.	1,000 00
Cash in Bank and on hand	164,672 71
Total Assets	$3,937,223 36

Present Number of Depositors 9 411, averaging $399 83 each.

December 1st, 1873.

The undersigned Auditing Committee respectfully report that they have examined the Loans and Investments for the last six months, ending November 30th, 1873, and have examined the Assets of the Bank, consisting of Bonds and Mortgages, Deeds of Real Estate, Certificates of Bank Stock, Bills Receivable, U. S. 5-20s Bonds, 1867 and 1868, U. S. Six per cent. Bonds, 1881, U. S. Six per cent. Currency Bonds, Pittsburgh Water Extension Bonds, and the Cash in Bank and Cash on hand, and find the same to correspond with the above report.

RICHARD HAYS,
A. M. POLLOCK,
JAMES K. KELLY,
ORMSBY PHILLIPS,
Auditing Committee.

The Trustees have declared a Dividend of three (3) per cent. for the last six months, ending November 30th, 1873, free of Government tax, and payable forthwith. If not drawn will bear interest from the 1st inst.

CHARLES A. COLTON, Treasurer.
Pittsburgh, Dec. 20th, 1873. de22:w27

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We deferred buying above stock of Goods until late and thereby have saved fully 25 per cent. In the purchase of these goods—which our customers and the public shall have the advantage of.

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N. B.—Special Bargains in Black Alpacas, Dress Goods, Ladies' English Walking Jackets.

ORDINANCES.

AN ORDINANCE—For the Construction of a Plank Walk on Charles street and Pusey's lane.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the Select and Common Councils of the City of Allegheny, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by authority of the same, That the Committee on Streets are hereby authorized and directed to advertise for proposals for the construction of a Plank Walk on Charles street, commence at the west line of Dungery's property, thence along Charles street to new School Building in 10th ward, thence along Pusey's lane to Perrysville Plank Road, and to let the same to the lowest and best bidder or bidders at their discretion; said Plank Walk to be constructed according to specifications prepared by the Engineer.

SEC. 2. That as soon as the cost and expense of said improvement shall have been fully ascertained, the said Board shall assess the same by an equal assessment upon the footage of the property fronting on both sides of said street and lane between said points, as provided in Act of Assembly, approved 16th day of March, 1869.

SEC. 3. That so much of any ordinance as may conflict with or be supplied by the foregoing, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Ordained and enacted into a law, this 11th day of December, A. D. 1873.

JAMES McBRIER,
President of Council.

Attest—R. T. WHITE,
Clerk of Select Council.

ALFRED SLACK,
President of Common Council.

Attest—ROBT. DILWORTH,
Clerk of Common Council. de25

AN ORDINANCE—Authorizing the opening and widening of streets and roads herein described, to be known as Perrysville avenue.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the Select and Common Councils of the City of Allegheny, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That streets and roads herein described, to be known as Perrysville avenue, be and the same is hereby opened of a width of 70 feet from Ohio street to R. Duncan's south line of a width of 50 feet from R. Duncan's south line to the intersection of Perrysville avenue, as per plan in Engineer's office, and that John K. Brown, James Ritchie and Joseph Craig, Freeholders, be and they are hereby appointed viewers, to view the premises, appraise the damages, and make assessments of benefits, as provided by Act of Assembly, approved the 1st of April, 1870, entitled "An Act relative to Streets in the City of Allegheny."

Ordained and enacted into a law this 11th day of December, A. D. 1873.

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President of Select Council.

Attest—R. T. WHITE,
Clerk of Select Council.

ALFRED SLACK,
President of Common Council.

Attest—ROBT. DILWORTH,
Clerk of Common Council. de25

AN ORDINANCE—Authorizing the opening and widening of Rhine street, from Ohio street to junction of private road.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the Select and Common Councils of the City of Allegheny, and it is hereby enacted by authority of the same, That Rhine street be and the same is hereby opened of a width of 40 feet, from Ohio street to junction of private road, as per accompanying plan and that William Brown, John G. Walter and Joseph R. Fleming, Freeholders, be and they are hereby appointed viewers, to view the premises, appraise the damages, and make assessments of benefits, as provided by Act of Assembly, approved the first of April, 1870, entitled "An Act relative to streets in the City of Allegheny."

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President of Select Council.

Attest—R. T. WHITE,
Clerk of Select Council.

ALFRED SLACK,
President of Common Council.

Attest—ROBT. DILWORTH,
Clerk of Common Council. de25

AN ORDINANCE—Authorizing the extension and opening of Beaver avenue.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the Select and Common Councils of the City of Allegheny, and it is hereby enacted by authority of the same, That Beaver avenue be and is hereby extended and opened of a width of 50 feet, from Strawberry lane to New Bright-on road, as plan in Engineer's office, and that Joseph Craig, John K. Brown and Arthur Hobson, Freeholders, be and they are hereby appointed viewers, to view the premises, appraise the damages, and make assessments of benefits, as provided by Act of Assembly, approved the 1st of April, 1870, entitled an "Act relative to Streets in the City of Allegheny."

Ordained and enacted into a law this 18th day of December, A. D. 1873.

JAMES McBRIER,
President of Select Council.

Attest: R. T. WHITE,
Clerk of Select Council.

HUGH McNEIL,
President of Common Council pro tem.

Attest: ROBT. DILWORTH,
Clerk of Common Council. de25

AN ORDINANCE—Authorizing the opening and widening of Rhine street, from Ohio street to junction of private road.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the Select and Common Councils of the City of Allegheny, and it is hereby enacted by authority of the same, That Rhine street be and the same is hereby opened of a width of 40 feet, from Ohio street to junction of private road, as per accompanying plan and that William Brown, John G. Walter and Joseph R. Fleming, Freeholders, be and they are hereby appointed viewers, to view the premises, appraise the damages, and make assessments of benefits, as provided by Act of Assembly, approved the first of April, 1870, entitled "An Act relative to streets in the City of Allegheny."

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President of Common Council.

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Clerk of Common Council. de25

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In great variety. Departments newly supplied. Everything very cheap.

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Hosiery, Gloves, Ties, Collars, Shirts, White and Colored, Undershirts, Handkerchiefs, Braces, Suspenders, Drawers, Cardigans, &c., &c.

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Vests in high and low necks, long and short sleeves in all sizes. Drawers all sizes.

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Plain and Watered Sash Ribbon, Plain and Stripe Sash Ribbon, Neck Ribbons, new shades, Gros Grain Ribbon, new shades.

Laces and Embroideries,
Ruches and Ruching,
Velvet Belts,
Hair Goods.

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FEDERAL ST. ALLEGHENY.

OFFICIAL—PITTSBURGH.

OFFICE OF CITY ENGINEER,
CITY OF ALLEGHENY, December 10, 1873.

NOTICE—THE ASSESSMENT FOR the grading of STEEP STREET, from James street to Scheiley's alley, is now ready for examination and can be seen at this office until TUESDAY, Dec. 30th, 1873, when it will be placed in the hands of the City Controller to serve notices for the payment of the same.

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JOSEPH LAURANT, Cashier.

DAILY GAZETTE.
FINANCIAL.
Latest Advices Concerning Money and Stock Matters.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, FRIDAY EVENING, December 26, 1873.

The condition of our local money market is comparatively unchanged, except that money is getting more plenty and rates are coming down. The demand for loans is exceedingly light to what it was a few weeks ago.

In the New York market to day, stocks have again showed an upward tendency; a slight advance being made in almost the entire list, especially so in Pacific Mail, which advanced to 39, being nearly 2 per cent. higher than its closing price of Wednesday.

Gold to day has been unsteady, being as low at one time as 109¾, but again advancing, and closed at 110¾. But it is our opinion that gold will reach still lower figures, owing to the amicable settlement of all war difficulties, and the balance of trade being in our favor.

Luther S. Kauffman, Broker, No. 96 Fourth Avenue, furnishes the following quotations of bonds and stocks from the latest advices by telegraph:

	We'day.	Friday.
Gold closed at	109¾	110¾
U. S. 6's—1881—coupons	118¾	118¾
5-20 1867	113¾	113¾
" 1868	114	113¾
" 1865	114	113¾
" 1865 new	116¾	116¾
" 1867	117	117¾
" coupons	116¾	117
10-40's—coupons	111	111
Currency 6's	122½	122½
New 5 per cents	110¾	110¾
RAILWAYS.		
New York Central	95¾	96
Erie	44	44⅜
C. C. & I. C.	28¾	28¾
R. Island	97	97¾
Do. preferred	103	104
Michigan Southern	75	75¾
Do. Central		74
North Western Common	74⅜	74¾
Do. preferred	83¾	84
Rock Island	97¾	98
Cleveland & Pittsburgh	98	98
Pacific Mail	37¾	39
Western Union Telegraph	72¾	72¾
Ohio & Mississippi	19¾	19¾
Union Pacific	30¾	30¾
Toledo & Wabash	48¾	49
Wabash		100
Chicago and Alton		100
Do. preferred		103
Adams Express		90¾
American Express		58¾
U. S. Express		66
Wells, Fargo & Co. Express		99
Col. Warne		81
Quicksilver		24¾
Canton		62
New Jersey Central		101

Messrs. Robinson Bros., bankers, No. 78 Fourth avenue, furnish the following quotations of active stock on the Philadelphia Stock Board today:

	We'day.	Friday.
Penna. Central	95¾	96
Reading	56	58¾
United Cos. of N. J.	116	116
Old Colony	19	19¾
Lehigh Valley	57¾	57¾
Central Transportation	41¾	42
N. Penna. R. R.	30¾	30¾
Penna. scrip dividend	92¾	92¾

NEW YORK, December 26, 1873.

The customs receipts were $184,000. The Treasury disbursements were $285,000. Money was easy at 6@7; prime discounted 9@10. Sterling was firm, and closed at 108¾ for sixty days and 108¾@109¾ for sight. The dry goods imports for the week were $826,511. Gold ranged at 109¾@110¾, and closed at 110¾. Carrying rates 5@7, and flat for borrowing. Clearings $49,000,000. Governments were strong in late dealings, and closed at the best prices of the day. State bonds were quiet and nominal. Stocks were dull and heavy in the early part of the day, and declined ¼@⅞ on the general list. Panama and Lackawanna were exceptions. The former advanced ½ and the latter 1¼. In the afternoon Pacific Mail advanced 1¾, and closed at the highest point of the day. St. Paul preferred advanced ¾. Other recoveries were ¼@¾. The market firm. The total sales of stock for the day were 74,000 shares, of which 15,700 were Western Union, 13,800 Union Pacific, 14,400 Pacific Mail, 39,000 St. Paul, 4,600 Wabash, 6,800 Lake Shore, and 3,000 New York Central.

Governments—U. S. coupons of 1881, 119; 5-20s of '65, 113¾; do of '65, new, 114; do of '67, 114¼; do new, 115¾; 10-40s, 111; currency sixes, 118¾.

State Bonds—Missouri sixes, 92¾; Tennessee, old, 80¾; do new, 69¾; Virginia new, 60; do old, 36; North Carolina new, 25; do old, 25.

Stocks.—Canton, 60; Western Union Telegraph Company, 72¾; Quicksilver, 24¾; Adams Express, 95; Wells, Fargo & Co.'s, 99; American Express, 58¾; Col. Warne, 87. United States Express, 66; Pacific Mail, 39¼; New York Central, 96¼; Harlem, 129¾; do preferred, 137; Michigan Central, 74; Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago, 94; Northwestern common, 74¾; do preferred, 84¾; Rock Island, 97¾; New Jersey Central, 101; St. Paul, 40¾; do preferred, 67; Illinois & Mississippi, 19¾; Chicago & Alton, 99; do preferred, 103; Cleveland & Pittsburgh, 98; Columbus & Indiana Central, 94; Lake Shore, 97; Panama, 276; Illinois Central, 98; Union Pacific, 30¾; Central Pacific, 48¾; Ohio & Mississippi, 19¾; Delaware & Lackawanna, 103¾.

PARIS, December 27.—Rentes 58f 45c.

COMMERCIAL.
Condition of the Markets at Home and Abroad.
PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, FRIDAY, December 26, 1873.

Business generally was very quiet to-day, and it is likely to continue so until after the holidays are over; indeed, we do not look for any perceptible improvement in trade until about the middle of next month, as the first half of January is usually absorbed by our merchants and manufacturers in taking stock and making settlements. The outlook, however, is generally regarded as being favorable; money matters are working easier, confidence is improving, confidence is steadily being restored, and furthermore, stocks of all kinds of good, both in the hands of retailers and consumers, are known to be very much reduced.

APPLES—The market is reported quiet and unchanged; sales to a jobbing extent at $4.75@5.00 for medium to prime, and $6 for choice.

APPLE BUTTER—6@7c per gallon.

BUTTER—There was less inquiry to-day, and the market was reported easier in consequence, but prices remain unchanged; 28@30 for prime to choice, and 32@35 for extra or fancy.

BEANS—$2@2.25 ₩ bushel.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—4@4½c per ₩.

CHEESE—The demand is reported as increasing, and the market is, if anything, stronger, but prices remain unchanged. We continue to quote Choice Factory at 14½@15c.

CRANBERRIES—Fair to choice Jerseys $10@13 ₩ brl. Carey's and Alexander's, $14@15.

CARBON OIL—Standard refined may be quoted at 17@18c by the car load, and 19@20 additional for smaller lots.

DRESSED HOGS—6@6¼c per ₩.

DRIED FRUIT—Apples finger, and the demand recently has been unusually brisk. Prices remain unchanged, ranging from 4 to 5c. Peaches also firmer; halves, 10@12. Blackberries, 12@15.

EGGS—Fresh eggs continue scarce and selling readily at 30@32. Pickled in good supply, with sales at 22 ₩.

FLOUR—There is a very fair local trade but no change whatever in prices. Spring wheat flours, $7@7.50, the last named figure for choice Minnesotas. Red winters, $7.50@8; white, $9@10. Rye Flour, $5.25@5.50.

GRAIN—There is a continued steady demand for Wheat, and the sales are full as large as offers within the range of quotations; $1.55@1.58 for red; $1.6 @1.62 for amber, and $1.6 @1.67 for white. Corn Oat meal is steady, and the sales are still tending upward; we now quote at 5@5¼c, sales to arrive; buyers furnishing sacks, at 60 cents. Shelled Corn is light supply and prices are very stiff; considerable less than it can be laid down from the west, but here is no demand for it. Barley is also dull, and we continue to quote at $1.25@1.50, according to quality. There is not much on the market, but there are generally have about all the stock they want at present.

GROCERIES—The grocery trade continues quiet, as it always is at this particular time, and there is not much prospect of it improving very much before the beginning of next year. Coffees are more very firm, and there has been a still further advance in first hands within the past few days. Sugars reported a shade firmer. Teas quiet and very firm at the recent advance. Choice New Orleans Molasses also generally regarded as good property at present prices. The Rice trade continues for have been comparatively light.

SUGARS—Patent Cut Loaf, 13c; Crushed, Powdered and Granulated, 11 to 11¼; Standard A, 10¾; B, 10¾; Ex. C, 10; Circle C, 10; Franklin Extra C, 9; Franklin No. 2 Extra C, 8¾; Yellow C, 8 to 8½, as to quality.

COFFEE—Choice Rio, 20@21; good to prime, 18@20¾; fair, 16¾@17¾. Roasted in packages, 24c; loose, 23c.

MOLASSES—Strictly prime new crop New Orleans, 56c; fair to prime old, 45@50.

SYRUPS—Extra White Drips, 70c; Sugar Drips, 60c; Amber, 60@65; lower grades, 35@40, as to quality.

RICE—Choice Carolina, 9c; Patna, 8¾c; Rangoon, 7¾@8c.

HOMINY—$4.50@5 ₩ brl.

HAY—Baled is in better supply, and as the demand is less active, prices are weaker, although without quotable change, ranging from $25@28 per ton, according to quality. Loose sold from country wagons in Allegheny to-day at $23@28 ₩ ton.

GAME—Pheasants and Prairie Chickens, $4 ₩ dozen. Whole Deer, 7@9 cents. Saddles, 15 cts. Wild Turkeys, $1.50@2 each. Rabbits, $1.50 per dozen. Squirrels, $1.25.

ONIONS—Firm and higher, sales reported at $2@2.50 ₩ bbl, as to quality.

POTATOES—Sales of prime Peach Blows by the carload, on track, at $1.15 ₩ bushel, and out of store, in small lots, at $1.20@1.25.

POULTRY—In fair demand, but prices are a shade lower. Dressed Chickens, 10@12; per lb. Wild Turkeys, $1.50@2 each. Rabbits, $1.50 per dozen. Squirrels, $1.25.

PROVISIONS—Extra sugar cured Hams, ₩ lb. 12¾. Ex. Sugar Cured Shoulders, 9¾; Sugar cured Breakfast Bacon, 11¾c. Extra Sugar Cured Dried Beef, 15¾. Beef tongues, $7.50 ₩ dozen. Bacon Shoulders, per lb, 8½c. Bacon Sides, 9c. Bacon short Rib Sides, 9½c. Bacon Clear Rib Sides, 10c. Mess Pork, $17.00 per barrel. Refined Lard for summer use, in tres, 9¾. Do. half bbls, 10c. Do. bkts 10¾. Do. 3 lb. caddies, 12c. Do in 5 lb. 11¾c do. in 3 lb. pails 12c ₩ pound. Do. in 8 lb. tubs 12c. Do in 5 lb. pails, 13¼. Ham Sausage, 9c.

PEAS—$1.65@1.75 ₩ bushel.

RAGS—Quoted at 2½@3c.

SALT—Is quoted at $1.20 ₩ brl. by the car load, and $1.35 in a jobbing way.

SEEDS—Flax Seed, $1.80@1.85 per bushel. No movement of either Clover or Timothy.

TALLOW—Quoted at 6¾@7.

WHISKY—Highwines: $1.01.02 ₩ gallon.

PITTSBURGH IRON AND NAIL MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, FRIDAY, Dec. 26, 1873.

As noted in our last review, trade is a little quiet, orders are not coming in very freely, nor is it to be expected just at the close of the year. However, there is a good deal of inquiry, and manufacturers could contract largely for future delivery at present rates if so disposed. Both jobbers and consumers are pretty well convinced that prices will go no lower, hence, as already stated, they are desirous of contracting for forward deliveries at present figures. But makers, in view of the enhanced cost of the raw material, have their ideas up, and, as a rule, are refusing to contract ahead except at an advance of from ¼ to ¾ of a cent per ₩ above prevailing rates, which we continue to quote on a basis of 3¾@3¾c for bars, and for small time. As no ey is working easier there is not so much difference being made between cash and usual time. The demand for nails, and delivery, is light, as it always is at this particular time, but as in the case of iron there is considerable inquiry, and we apprehend there would be no difficulty in selling for forward delivery at rates named, $4.90 cash, and $5.05 usual time. From all that we can learn, however, we do not think that orders can be placed for future delivery at prevailing prices. We know that some makers are asking from 20 to 25 cents per keg more. Stocks are very much reduced, both in first and second hands, and an unusually heavy spring trade is expected.

FLAT BAR.			
1¼ to 4 by ⅝ to 1 inch	3½ and 1¾ by ⅝ to ⅞ inch	3 5-10c	
4½ to 6 by ⅝ to 1 inch	1 and 1¼ by ⅝ to ⅞ inch	3 6-10c	
1¼ to 6 by 1¼ to 1½ inch	3 7-10c	1 and ¾ by ⅝ to ⅞ inch	3 7-10c
ROUNDS AND SQUARES.			
1 to 1¼ inch	3 2-10c	¾ to 7-16 Inch	4 00c
2 to 2¾ inch	3 5-10c	⅜ inch	4 1-10c
1 to 2 inch	3 5-10c	⅞ inch	4 2-10c
¾ to ⅞ inch	3 6-10c	½ inch	5 9-10c
⅝ to ⅞ inch	3 7-10c	9-16 Inch	6 8-10c
HORSE SHOE.			
All sizes	4 5-10c	Nail rod	7 2-10c
HEAVY BANDS.			
3½ to 5 by ¼ and 5-16 inch	3 5-10c	3½ to 5 by ⅜ and ½ inch	3 6-10c
1¼ to 3 by ¼ and 5-16 inch	3 5-10c	1¼ to 3 by ⅜ and ½ inch	4 3-10c
	4 00c	5-16 Inch	4 5-10c
LIGHT BANDS.			
3 to 6 by 3-16 to No. 12	4 3-10c	3 to 6 by 3-16 to No. 12	5 9-10c
1¼ to 2¾ by 3-16 to No. 12	4 5-10c	1¼ to 2¾ by 3-16 to No. 12	5 5-10c
HOOPS.			
⅞ to 3 inch	4 6-10c	½ inch	5 8-10c
¾ to 3 inch	4 8-10c	⅜ inch	6 3-10c
⅝ to 2 inch	4 8-10c	¼ inch	7 3-10c
½ to 1¾ inch	5 1-10c	⅜ inch	7 3-10c
⅜ to 1¼ inch	5 1-10c	½ inch	7 8-10c
OVAL IRON.			
¾ to 1¼ inch	4 3-10c	½ inch	4 3-10c
⅞ to 1 inch	4 1-10c	¾ inch	4 1-10c
HALF OVAL AND HALF ROUND.			
⅞ to 1¼ inch	4 1-10c	½ inch	4 6-10c
¾ to ⅞ inch	4 7-10c	⅜ inch	4 9-10c
Flatted Bar Light	Agric box iron, ¾ and ⅞ inch		4 1-10c
Rolling Rod	5 3-10c		4 4-10c

BAND IRON.			
3-16, ¼ and ⅝ inch thick	Heads, flanging	Boiled. 9 00c	
Boiler plate	6 00c	Plow wings	4 00c

SHEET IRON.			
	Boiled.	Charcoal.	Juniata.
No. 10 to 14	7 5-10c	7 00c	8 5-10c
No. 15 to 20	7 5-10c	7 00c	8 5-10c
No. 21 to 24	7 5-10c	7 00c	8 5-10c
No. 25 to 28	8 5-10c	7 40c	9 10c
No. 29	8 5-10c	7 40c	9 10c
All sheets over 28 in. wide 4c per lb extra.			

RAILROAD IRON—COUNTERSUNK AND PUNCHED.

	Per keg
¼ by ⅝, 7-16 and ½ inch	4 00c
¼ by ⅝ and 7-16 inch	4 5-10c
½ by ⅝ and ¾ inch	4 00c
¾ by ¾ inch	4 00c
EXTRAS FOR CUTTING TO LENGTH.	
Flat bars and band squares	1-10c
Flat bars for tire	2-10c
Light bands and wagon box iron	2-10c
	3-10c

CUT NAILS, BRADS, SPIKES, ETC.

	Per keg
10d to 60d nails, fence and brads	$4 50
8d and 9d nails, fence and brads	4 50
6d and 7d nails, fence and brads	4 50
5d and 5d nails	5 00
4d nails	5 00
3d nails	7 00
FINE CUT NAILS.	CLINCH.
3d	$7 25
4d to 6d	6 00
CASING.	
10d to 20d	$ 50
6d to 9d	1 00
6d and 7d	1 75

	Clinch nails	$6 00
	CUT SPIKES.	
3 to 6 inch		4 50
BARREL.		
⅝ inch		$ 25
¾ inch		7 25
⅞ inch		1 00
1 inch		1 50
1¼ inch		2 00
1½ inch		2 75
1¾ inch		3 50
2 inch		5 00

Tobacco Nails—Fifty cents per keg advance on common cut.

Finishing Nails—Seventy-five cents per keg advance on common cut.

Finishing Nails, $1.25 advance from 4d to 6d. 1¼ in $0 00 1 in $10.00

Roofing Nails—Iron, twenty-five cents per keg advance on common cut.

Tin wanted, 5 cents per lb advance on iron.

Tinned, 4d..... per keg, $11 00
5d..... 10 00
Copper, all sizes..... per lb 50
In 100 keg lots and upwards.

TERMS—5 as 12½ cents per keg, sixty days. Two per cent. discount for cash in case invoices are paid for in ten days from date.

PIG IRON AND BLOOM MARKET—WEEKLY REVIEW.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, FRIDAY, December 26, 1873.

The pig iron trade during the past week has been comparatively quiet. The demand for forges, however, as might be expected, checked the demand somewhat, but all things considered, there was a very fair business, and the market may be quoted steady, with very light offerings of good irons except at full prices. Standard brands for mill irons are held pretty firmly at $19 4 mos, and as money matters are easier, there is not so much difference being made between cash and time, hence, the most of the sales are on time. A good deal of pig could be placed at the prices current prior to the recent advance, $25 cash, and $27@28 4 mos, but there are now, as a trend of intimation, no sellers below these figures. It is said that the advance in question scarcely covers the cost of making it. Foundry irons are also firmer, but quiet.

We were reported the following sales:

ASTRACITE.

500 tons Gray Forge Chickies at Foundry	$ 38 00	cash
150 tons Foundry Do.	33 00	cash
150 tons Close Grain Gray Forge	24 00	4 mos
10 tons Gray Forge	28 00	4 mos
100 tons White	26 00	4 mos
CONNELLSVILLE COKE.		
150 tons Gray Forge	28 00	4 mos

BITUMINOUS COAL SMELTED FROM L. S. ORE.

275 tons Silvery	27 00	4 mos
100 tons Silvery	27 00	4 mos
100 Hot Gray Forge	18 50	4 mos
100 tons Gray Forge	25 00	cash
200 tons Gray Forge	27 00	cash
200 tons Gray Forge	29 00	4 mos
100 tons Mottled	27 50	4 mos
20 tons Mottled	27 50	4 mos
150 tons Gray Forge	30 00	4 mos
20 tons No. 2 Foundry	30 00	4 mos
1,500 tons Gray Forge	30 00	4 mos
150 tons Mottled and White	27 50	4 mos

PITTSBURGH PETROLEUM MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, FRIDAY, December 26, 1873.

The Crude market is still reported steady at former quotations, 6¾@6¾ ₩ brl. at Parker, according to pipe line, equal to about 8¾@8¾c ₩ gallon delivered here. The report of the production for November shows a daily average of some 33,000 brls. Some operators are inclined to think that the yield is not as large as this report makes it, while others, equally as well informed, are impressed with the belief that it is about as near right as it is possible to make it. Refined continues very quiet, and prices are nominally unchanged; 13¾ for December and January delivered in Philadelphia, and 13¼@13½ for February. There was a sale of a cargo of high test oil on Wednesday for February, at 13¾. High test is always worth ¼ to ½ cent more.

Oil barrels unchanged; city make still quoted at $1.90; countries, $1.80@1.85.

New York Iron Market—Weekly Review.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—American Pig—Since our last the market has been stiffening, and now the cheap lots are almost, if not entirely off the market. In foundry irons there has been little movement, because there was scarcely any offering for present delivery, and the companies refuse to sell for future delivery, stating that, as present prices are not remunerative, they will not make forgeries at them. Scotch and Ferro-manganese are in a jobbing way at $38@38.50, however, as might be expected, checked the demand somewhat, but all things considered, there was a very fair business, and the market may be quoted steady, with very light offerings of good irons except at full prices. Standard brands for mill irons are held pretty firmly at $19 4 mos, and as money matters are easier, there is not so much difference being made between cash and time, hence, the most of the sales are on time. A good deal of pig could be placed at the prices current prior to the recent advance, $25 cash, and $27@28 4 mos, but there are now, as a trend of intimation, no sellers below these figures. It is said that the advance in question scarcely covers the cost of making it. Foundry irons are also firmer, but quiet.

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LEGAL.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE United States, for the Western District of Pennsylvania. JAMES PROVOST, a Bankrupt under the Act of Congress of March 2d, 1867, having applied for a discharge from all his debts, and other claims provable under said Act, to me one of the Judges of said District, I do hereby give notice to all creditors who have proved their debts, and other persons interested, to appear on the 20 DAY OF JANUARY, 1874, at 10 o'clock A. M., before SAMUEL HARPER, Register in Bankruptcy, at Pittsburgh, No. 94 Diamond Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., to show cause, if any they have, why a discharge should not be granted to the said BANKRUPT.
S. C. MCCANDLESS, Clerk.

ESTATE OF JAMES BROWN, DEC'D.—Letters Testamentary on the Will of JAMES BROWN, deceased, late of the City of Allegheny, Pa., having been granted to the undersigned, all persons having claims against the Estate will present them for payment, and those indebted to said Estate will call and pay the same to us, or either of us, without delay, at the office of BROWN & CO., Wayne Iron Works, Tenth street, Pittsburgh.
JOHN H. BROWN,
No. 1922 Rittenhouse Square, Philadelphia Pa.
MANSFIELD B. BROWN,
Mansfield, Allegheny co., Pa.
ROBERT BEATY,
JOSEPH S. BROWN,
Nos. 5 and 6 Stocking avenue, City of Allegheny, Pa.
no21:v20-9

U. S. PATENT OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, D. C., December 16, 1873.
On the petition of
THOMAS SNOWDEN,
OF PITTSBURGH, PA.,
Praying for the extension of a patent granted to him on the 24 day of April, 1860, for an improvement in
Feed Water Arrangement for Steam Boilers.
It is ordered that the testimony in the case be closed on the 31 of March next; that the time for filing arguments of the Examiner-in-charge be limited to the 15th day of March next, and that said petition be heard on the 16th day of March next.
Any person may oppose this extension.
de20:w13-8 M. D. LEGGETT, Commissioner.

PROCLAMATION.
ALLEGHENY CITY, ss.
I, A. P. CALLOW, Mayor of the City of Allegheny, do hereby make this proclamation that:
WHEREAS, JOSEPH KIRKPATRICK, member of Select Council from the XIIth ward, City of Allegheny, having tendered his resignation as a member of said body, and said resignation having been accepted, the freemen of said XIIth ward, City of Allegheny, qualified to vote for members of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, will meet at the Public school House in said ward, on TUESDAY, the 30th day of December, A.D. 1873, and select one person to serve as a member of Select Council for one year, to fill the vacancy caused by said resignation.
SEAL. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said City this 19 th day of December, A. D. 1873.
A. P. CALLOW, Mayor.
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RIVER NEWS.
State of the Rivers, Movements of Steamboats, &c.

The stage of water last evening was 6 feet and falling. Weather cloudy and rawy; wind southeast. Business was very quiet at the landing, and no material improvement need be looked for until after the holidays.

The Granite State arrived on Thursday and departed yesterday.

Captain Tom Poe was in town the other day. He has neither contracted for nor bought any boat as yet.

The Junjata from Cincinnati, and Carrie Brooks from Zanesville, are among the firs; boats due.

The Allegheny was putting out considerable ice yesterday.

—Smoker and others owners, in 1668 of a line of steamers running between New Orleans and Vicksurg, in which Tom Leathers was interested, and have sued the latter in New Orleans for a breach of contract. The plaintiffs allege that an agreement was entered into between them and the defendant, by which the latter was to take command of the steamer Governor Allen. Under this agreement the plaintiffs immediately chartered the Governor Allen, at an expense of $5,000 per month, and put her in the disposal of Capt. Leathers. After making one trip, Capt. Leathers deserted the Governor Allen and took command of the Belle Lee, and ran in the same trade in his own interest. By reason of this conduct the plaintiffs assert that they have suffered an injury of $4,800 actually expended, and a deprivation of profits that would have been earned by the Governor Allen of $25,000. The Judge decided the plaintiffs cannot recover, as it was evident that the Allen having lost $1,601 47 while under the charter, his desertion of the Governor Allen appears to have been of ultimate benefit to all parties.

—The Continental was sold by the Marshal yesterday. Some one started her at $900. Pete Mannion and several others were bidding when she was knocked down for $2,025 to Chas Horbell, the wrecker. Charles Handel owns the necessary five hundred dollars. The Continental was built at Pittsburgh, March, 1861. Measurement tonnage 848, capacity 1,500 tons, length on deck 282 feet, breadth at floor, depth 8 feet, floor, 68 feet, 4 boilers 30 feet long by 44 inches diameter, cylinders 9 feet stroke 56 inches diameter, water wheels 34 feet diameter 14 feet buckets. She was built for Captain Ben F. Hutchinson, and cost fifty-five thousand dollars. Value in 1863 seventy thousand dollars, 1865 ninety thousand dollars, 1871 twenty-five thousand dollars, 1873 two thousand dollars. December, 1873, second Fox & Co: 34 bris eggs, 6 pkgs butter, Voigt M & Co: 11 bxs cheese, Braden & P: 26 bgs bw flour, H Rid dle Son & Co: 67 bdls, J Hammond & Co: 1 pkg, Woodruff 2d: 1 pkg, Bahmer Bro: 6 kegs s butter, H Moye & Co: 37 bbls, Schmidt & Co: 50 brls flour, Shomaker & Co: 50 do apples, 500 bush pota oes, J E Pettibone: 105 bbls w Fiscuse & Son: 1 car hay, M F Herron: 1 do do, Mc Millan & Co: 20 do egg, A J Graff & C: 25 do, Head C & Co: 5 do pkgs butter, H Rea Jr: 75 cases eggs, Voigt M & Co: 25 brls apples, Marshall Bro: 50 do flour, D Wallace: 300 do, owners: 1 car barley, Franchman & V: 100 brls hams, Walker C & Co: 1 car 2 hams, R Owens: 10 brls spirits, R L Wilson: 5 do, 8 S Watters: 20 do, Dillinger & Sc car shoulders, F Sellers & Co: 2 cars hams, J H Pars ker & Co.

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CLEVELAND AND PITTSBURGH R. R.—1 car salt on, Maloney & L: 50 brls t oil, Beggs L & Co: 2 bxs c asse, F Fullen: 1 do do wood, shape, F C Bigert: 3 do, J Espy: 10 brls peas 23 kegs oat meal, Luebbe Bro: 4 cars potatoes, Mc Millan & Co: 71 sks oats, Wilson & Co: 265 bdls paper: Godfrey & C: 68 bags oats, W G Miller: 49 bdls paper, Pgh P Mfg Co: 125 sks oats 150 brls, W Wood & Son: 6 do apples, D Young & Co: 3 brls g apples, D S Hurdle: 10 do apples, Loh & Co: 4 do s steel, Singer N & Co: 2 bbls butter, Bahmer Bro & Co: 1 do, Schmidt, Arbuckles & Co: 10 brls eggs, P Doff & Son: 100 oil brls, B D Moore: 66 chairs, F Eichenlaub: 50 oil brls, C A Worcester: 67 sks flour, Lengel & Co: Pettitt & Co: 10 do, D McMillan: 10 do cider, D Campbell: 1 bale sundries, H Rea: 60 brls apples, Lemon and W: 34 sks corn, T Bradley, McBane and A.

PITTSBURGH, CINCINNATI & ST. LOUIS R. R.—60 sks flour, T C Jenkins: 100 brls do, D Wallace: 50 bxs candles Shomaker & Co: 32 bgs tobacco, Shipton Bond W: 100 brls apples, F Sellers and Co: 1 car e corn, Hirsecock Mc and Co: 24 brls mo lasses, J S Dilworth: 500 pigs bullion, J E Schwerdt: 50 brls molasses, Mc Millan & Co: 50 butts tobacco, Dilworth Bro: 100 sks ship stuff, Beckert and G: 45 brls hominy, 25 cases do, Head C and Co: 4 hhds tobacco, 2 bxs do, Weyman Bro: 4 bales hay, J H Hereusch: 1 car chimneys, J Lindsey: 91 sks barley, Lutz and W: 125 sacks s stuff, Kell and R: 400 sks flour, F W Jenkins: 200 brls do, T C Jenkins: 10 pkgs tobacco, Carter Bro: 21 do, T C Jenkins.

RECEIPTS AT PITTSBURGH GRAIN ELEVATOR—1 car wheat, Head Carson & Co: 1 do wheat, Marshall K & Co.

IMPORTS BY RAILROAD.

PITTSBURGH, FORT WAYNE & CHICAGO R. R.—60 brls lime, Mills & Co: 1 car shingles, H Brown: 12 pkgs dry goods, J A Reasbeck: 2 do, Fox & Co: 34 bris eggs, 6 pkgs butter, Voigt M & Co: 11 bxs cheese, Braden & P: 26 bgs bw flour, H Riddle Son & Co: 67 bdls, J Hammond & Co: 1 pkg, Woodruff 2d: 1 pkg, Bahmer Bro: 6 kegs s butter, H Moye & Co: 37 bbls, Schmidt & Co: 50 brls flour, Shomaker & Co: 50 do apples, 500 bush pota oes, J E Pettibone: 105 bbls w Fiscuse & Son: 1 car hay, M F Herron: 1 do do, Mc Millan & Co: 20 do egg, A J Graff & C: 25 do, Head C & Co: 5 do pkgs butter, H Rea Jr: 75 cases eggs, Voigt M & Co: 25 brls apples, Marshall Bro: 50 do flour, D Wallace: 300 do, owners: 1 car barley, Franchman & V: 100 brls hams, Walker C & Co: 1 car 2 hams, R Owens: 10 brls spirits, R L Wilson: 5 do, 8 S Watters: 20 do, Dillinger & Sc car shoulders, F Sellers & Co: 2 cars hams, J H Parker & Co.

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HOME NEWS.

A Fair Proposition.

Chili Hazzard, of the Monongahela *Republican* says: "If the Pittsburgh press will dry up on the Water Bond question, he will pay for the lost bonds himself." The Finance Committee should hold a consultation with the press, and if a divide can be agreed upon, no doubt the arrangement could be consummated.

Obituary.

Esquire Thomas Coffey, who has been a Justice of the Peace in the Monongahela City District for over thirty years, died at his residence in that city on Christmas Eve. His funeral yesterday was one of the largest ever known in the Valley. Personally and favorably known by a very large constituency, he was admired as a kind, honest and most estimable man.

Mother Ritchey.

Christmas was the ninety-third birth-day of "Old Mother Ritchey," a venerable and much esteemed dame of Sewickley borough. She was the central and honored figure in a family reunion, including her sons and daughters, and their children's children, to the fourth generation. The occasion was one of peculiar interest, in which the sympathies of all the villagers were enlisted. They had a good time, to be long remembered.

The Babe of Bethlehem.

Dr. Scarborough, of Trinity Church, in addressing his Sunday School on Wednesday, said he believed there was not a family in the whole city, and scarcely one in the whole country, in which the influence of the Babe of Bethlehem was not felt and recognized; that nothing that ever transpired since the creation of man had exercised so much and such wide-spread influence on our race; and this wonderful effect was rapidly extending, and would eventually pervade the whole earth.

Resuming.

Thos. Wightman & Co. having decided to start up their Temperanceville bottle factory at new years. After some months of idleness in window glass manufacturing, a factory will be started on Saturday next. Messrs. Knox, Kim & Co. started up their four-foot furnace on Christmas day. This is a co-operative company, and the furnace will be operated by those of the partners who are blowers, at an unfixed rate of wages, and it is not to be understood as showing any weakening on the part of the employers.

Collectors for "The Pitt-burgh Association for the Relief of the Poor."

The committee of gentlemen, appointed and authorized to make collections to aid in the work of giving relief to the poor, held a meeting on December 24, and will proceed at once to canvass the city. We feel sure that our citizens, with the daily evidence they have before them of want among the poor, will cheerfully respond to these gentlemen, who so kindly leave pressing business cares, to assume this laborious task.

REB. LEVI WADE, Secretary.

Still Another Reduction in Fare.

Astonishing and inexplicable as it may appear, Mr. Samuel C. Hough, the active and energetic passenger agent of the Pittsburgh, Washington & Baltimore Railroad, announces, in another column, a still further reduction in fare on this popular railway line. The charges from this city now are as follows: To New York city, ten dollars; to Philadelphia, seven dollars; and to Washington city and Baltimore only five dollars! If a desire to lessen travelling expenses brings patronage, the Connellsville Railroad accommodations will certainly be taxed to their utmost. Read the advertisement elsewhere.

A Happy Union.

On Christmas evening Mr. John N. Hazlett, a well known young newspaper man of this city, was married at Steubenville, Ohio, to Miss Lillian Mills, of that place. The ceremony took place shortly after seven o'clock, at the Female Seminary, in that flourishing city. When the chain had been made one the aged Dr. Beatty offered up a very fervent and impressive prayer. The bride is a graduate of the seminary, and it seemed peculiarly appropriate that where she finished the education of her mind there it is, there also should she assume the new burdens and greater responsibilities incumbent upon those who enter the matrimonial state. Long life and happiness to them both.

More Investigation Needed.

At the meeting of the Finance Committee yesterday one week ago it was decided, on motion of Mr. McConway, to afford Chief Engineer Kennedy an opportunity to refute the charges that his claims were made against him by Mr. Lowrey. A week has passed and no step has yet been taken toward that end. Not only Mr. Kennedy but some of the men under him, we are assured, are anxious to appear before the committee, and is said are in possession of some information of an important character that has not yet been made public. In this connection it might be pertinent to state, as a matter perhaps worthy of investigation, that we have been informed that the masonry at the pumping works at Negley's run is costing over three times what the same kind of work is costing at the reservoirs.

TO-DAY'S AMUSEMENTS.

PITTSBURGH OPERA HOUSE.—"Lost at Sea," matinee and evening.

LIBRARY HALL.—"Drummer Boy" grand matinee, also evening.

MUSIC.—George France in "Marked for Life," matinee and night.

FRED AIMS'.—Grand matinee and a choice evening entertainment.

ENGLISH OPERA.—Kellogg in "Martha," Library Hall, Monday evening.

THE NATION TRUST COMPANY.

Grier's Proposition—What is Thought of It by the Stockholders.

Last evening the stockholders of the Nation Trust Company held another meeting, at which nothing of importance was transacted. In regard to a statement made in an evening paper, that a communication had been received from Grier, and that he would restore $393,000 if he was not prosecuted, the stockholders say: First, let him restore $500,000 or show up where it may be found; and then, if he comes back, they will guarantee him that they will not molest him; only, they want to be guaranteed the money or its security first. The stockholders say there is such a proposition from Grier, but that they have no faith in it, unless it is made good first. They seem to think he will come back to Pittsburgh whether any guarantee is made or not.

THE WEATHER.

Was published, indications from November 19th to December 19th, as follows: Cloudy and variable days, twenty five; of rain and snow, nineteen; sunshine, five. A stormy month, with plenty of water for the river.

RECORD.

From the 19th November to the 19th December, twenty-four cloudy and variable days, of which twelve were rain and three snow; six fair and sunshine. Average daily thermometer 37. River 5 feet 75-100 inches. Five days of boating and white frost at 7 A. M.; 15; maximum of thermometer, December 34, 67; minimum, November 20 h, 19. Same days for 1872: Daily average thermometer 32; maximum and November 25th, 56; minimum on November 30th, 19.

Winds, 1873, in 87 observations:

North.	NW.	W.	SW.	S.	SE.	E.	NE.
4	9	16	32	8	4	4	11—87

Being absent in November, 1872, I cannot give the amount of winds.

The indications of the past lunar month have been as fully verified as any one could anticipate. We often trust to the indications alone, and, not wholly, but in great measure, by memory, but will now give the indications only, which are the reverse of those of the last month, although a long storm is apparently brewing for rain and snow, or both same. The present month, then, is likely to be pleasant and dry; not of the moist and warm temperature, with but a poor chance for thick ice, but occasional thin, small cakes. In the Court House, for the purpose of equalizing valuations of properties throughout Allegheny county. The personal tax is also to come before this convention for final settlement. The Chairman and Secretary, in conjunction with Mr. W. B. Ross, were appointed to wait on County Controller Warner and ask him to issue a call for the meeting and also to give them a room. The meeting then adjourned.

Prepared Flour.

When you get out of bread and wish something nice for supper, get a sack of Prepared Flour from your grocer, and according to the directions make a few biscuit muffins or griddle cakes, which can be done in a very short time. Do this once and you will never again resort to baker's bread.

Kirk-Dempster Investigation.

Cross Examination of the City Engineer.

How the Engineering Corps Were Managed And Paid —The Money Received From the Commissions—Conclusion of the Investigation—A Smart Little Tilt—Report to Councils on Monday—The Probable Recommendations.

The second meeting of the committee appointed to investigate the charges against Mr. Dempster was held yesterday afternoon in the Common Council chamber. All the members were present but one, and the lobby was well filled with spectators who remained until the long session of the committee was almost over, which was not until seven o'clock, it having convened at three o'clock. At the meeting on Wednesday Mr. Dempster, it will be remembered, made his statement, and yesterday afternoon he was cross-examined at considerable length by Mr. Sagle, counsel for Mr. Kirk. After a short speech from Mr. Sagle, in which he told how the difficulty between Mr. Kirk and Mr. Dempster originated in the Survey Committee, and how the charges that had been made before the Mayor were by him referred to Councils, and by them to the committee, he commenced

THE CROSS EXAMINATION

of Mr. Dempster, which is as follows: "I assumed the duties of City Engineer in May, 1872. Was elected then to fill an unexpired term. Was in the Engineer's office prior to that time. Was in the Survey Department. There were streets in course of improvement under the Penn avenue act of which I had charge. Franks-town avenue was one of them. Money was paid to me from that avenue. It went into the City Treasury. The work was done by men under my supervision. I received money from Cedar avenue, also from Taylor street. Paid it into the City Treasury. Engineering was also done on Wiseblidde street and Collins avenue, the money for which was paid into the City Treasury. All the engineering and superintendence that were required in the construction of the streets on the Ninth ward. The amount to be charged for the work was estimated by the time of the men. A proportion was also estimated, in addition to the wages of the men, for expenses incurred by the city. About forty men are employed in all the departments of my office. I ceased to employ men on the pay roll in June; I took the men off the pay rolls of the city. They were employed by me individually at a wages of from $125 per month down to $60. Part of the work on the streets to which I have referred was done by men belonging to the city corps. It was on Neville street. I received $465. It has not been turned into the city.

I USED THAT MONEY

in the payment of these other men. It was received, I think, on July 17th. All the work on Neville street was done by the city corps. They were paid by the city. On the other avenues I gave the grade in s. The work was not done by men on the city corps. They were employed with the construction of that work. I, as city engineer, see that the work is up to the grade. The men in one sense of the word are in the employ of the city, and in another, they are not. I do not know to whom they are responsible. I employed them to do such work as I direct, and they do it. They get their money from me, whether I get it from the city or not. The men were employed constantly. Sometimes they were employed on city work in the immediate vicinity. It was but a trifle however. They were paid according to time employed in doing the work. In grading streets, not under the Penn avenue act, I put the pins upon it, and cross section it, afterward placing the pins. That is a portion of the cost of construction. The Penn avenue act

REQUIRES THE CITY ENGINEER

to give all grades and lines. On Hiland avenue No. 1 the grades alone were given before the 1st of June, by Mr. Howatt. All the balance of the work was done by the same gentleman. My account with the Butler street commission is still open. I received $800 from it. Drew it on account. I cannot tell now who were with Mr. Howatt before the 1st of June. All were paid out of the city prior to that. Work was done, I think, on Ellsworth avenue prior to the first of June. The account with the Commission is still open. Work was also done on Forbes street prior to June 1st; I think part of it was cross sectioned. Received $800 from Forbes street. None of it has been paid into the city. The work was done by men not in the employ of the city. The money was paid to the men doing the work. I am not certain that any work was done on Liberty avenue prior to the 1st of June. Frankstown avenue was done on one of the streets, under the superintendence of Mr. Martin, by the city. Main street was done in the same manner. Ella street was in a bad condition when they wanted to turn it over into my hands, but I refused it. I think Mr. Chislett asked me to do

THE WORK ON STANTON AVENUE.

I don't think I told Mr. Kirk that the work must be done by the city. I don't recollect of telling any of the commissioners that I was employing a private corps by which the work would be done. I don't think I told any one that it was my business as City Engineer to do the work, and that the commissioners had no right to employ any one else. The assistant in charge keeps the time and returns it to me. The assistant in charge is the man who has charge of the corps doing the work. At the end of each month I knew what each street ought to pay. I don't remember of any bills being presented only for Hiland avenue. I received the money on account. I don't know whether the commissioners knew I was keeping two separate accounts—one for them and one for the city. I charged these Commissioners at the rate of $6, $5 and $3 for the men employed. I fix the price at what I think will cover the expenses of the men, pay the man for his time. My accounts will show how much each avenue is entitled to pay for the work done on it. At the end of the year I am bound to pay the men the amount coming from the avenues. I believe I can give you

THE AMOUNT CHARGED UP

to the 1st of December for each street. Some of these are up to December 20th. They are as follows: Butler street $992; Ellsworth avenue $1,033; Forbes street $950; Hiland avenue $854; Hiland avenue, south, $192; Liberty avenue $266, Lincoln avenue $220; Main street $75; Neville street $470; Pearl street $260; Shady lane $275; Stanton avenue $275; Thirty third street $187.50; Walnut street $125. My accounts will show the time when the work was commenced on each of these streets. The Commission employed me on Shady lane and Walnut street. I don't remember the person. The Liberty avenue commission wanted me to employ an outside corps, but I refused to do it. There was a contest for the position of Engineer. I know Mr. Kirk worked very hard for his friend, and I presume there were several other applicants. The Commission recommended me to recommend a man for the work all the time, when I refused to do it with an outside corps. I recommended Mr. Howatt. I don't know whether he had any work outside of Liberty avenue. He commenced work about the first or second week of October. He did the work in September. I debited myself in my accounts with all money received and credited myself with all money paid out. There is no separate account of the incidental expenses charged to the Commissions.

OF THE INSTRUMENTS BOUGHT.

I paid for them and some were charged on the pay rolls of the city while others were not. I did not lay out a plan of the Liberty avenue within the last year. The men in laying off the streets I believe staked off the lots. I do not know of any plan being made out, or of Dr. Gross being charged for the work. I made out a plan for the Edgar Thompson steel works. The work was not done as a city officer. I do not know of a plan being made for a man named Hughes, or for him as agent. That may refer to a plan made by me some two years ago, when I was not City Engineer, for Allen Patrick, for a number of lots, for the sale of which a Mr. Hughes was agent.

By Mr. Lloyd—Was the $465 received from Neville street used the same as the others in paying the independent corps.

Ans.—I used the money the same as for others. I have not paid it into the City Treasury yet, but will do so. I keep a separate account. I have no commission and charge it up about every month. I have it upon the authority of some of the Commissioners that the work when done by the Commission

COSTS ABOUT TWICE AS MUCH

as when done under my supervision. My object in undertaking the contract of all these avenues was to save the people's money, which it has done. I have not been benefited in any way by it. (The witness here read a certificate from the Commissioners of Forbes street to the effect that there was no agreement, direct or indirect, between them and the City Engineer, by which the latter was to receive any emolument for the work under his supervision.) Another object I had in view in keeping up this independent corps was so that I could cull out the best men and keep them in the employ of the city. It the money to pay these men had come out of the City Treasury it would have cut down the appropriation of the Street Committee."

THE PROSECUTION CLOSES.

Mr. Slagle here offered in evidence the pay rolls showing the expenses of this private corps; also the minutes of the Liberty avenue commission, showing the election of Mr. Dempster as City Engineer, on the 4th of September 1873; also at a subsequent meeting when it was resolved to visit the avenue with Mr. Dempster, and October 8th, over an erasure the name of Mr. Howatt entered as engineer.

TESTIMONY FOR THE DEFENSE.

Dr. A. H. Gross, one of the Liberty avenue Commissioners gave the following evidence regarding that portion of their minutes relating to the election of Mr. Dempster as Engineer. "I was merely state to you the argument that was had forth in the committee. It was the idea of the Commission to elect Mr. Dempster as engineer inasmuch as it was well known that he would be advisory engineer, at any rate. The salary of the position, set forth in the minutes as $1,500 per annum, was to be used by him in paying for men to be employed by him. Mr. Snodgrass conveyed the action of the Commission to Mr. Dempster and he declined, saying he could not accept the position. At a subsequent meeting Mr. Dempster met with us and said that he could not accept the position offered him, as knowing that he was informed regarding the best engineering talent, we asked him to recommend a man for the place. He recommended Mr. Howatt and on October 8 Mr. Howatt was elected engineer. I remember distinctly that the action of the Commission, when they elected Mr. Dempster, was, that he should employ men not on the pay rolls of the city. Mr. Dempster gave the lines and grades before he was elected."

WHERE THE IOWA ORIGINATED.

Mr. John Fleming, sworn.—Last spring Mr. Dempster called me into his office and said that he was getting into difficulty about his help. That it was being taken away by all the improvements that were being made under the Penn avenue act; that larger salaries were being paid by the Commissioners and that it would result in increasing the salaries of the men in the employ of the city. He asked my advice about it, and I recommended him to make an arrangement with the Commissions for him to furnish them help from the office, and thereby keep down salaries and keep men from being taken from the employ of the city. I believe it was by my advise that Mr. Dempster put that arrangement into effect.

CONTRACTS.

Mr. J. B. Lyon, sworn.—Am President of the Butler street commission. Mr. Breed and myself made a contract with Mr. Dempster that he was to furnish men to do the work on Butler street at $5 a day for the chief engineer and $2 50 per day for his assistants. We were to pay for office labor as well as outside labor. There was no understanding that we were to pay Mr. Dempster any money whatever. The arrangement was probably made ten or eleven months ago. The engineers commenced work in March or April.

Mr. William Smith, also a Commissioner for the improvement of Butler street, corroborated the evidence of Mr. Lyons.

LOT REGULATING.

Mr. Wm. Martin, sworn—Am Assistant Engineer in the employ of the city, and am in charge of the work of construction. A gentleman made application to have his lots regulated at Hazlewood. I told him we did not regulate lots unless the application was made in accordance with the ordinance of Councils. We keep a book for such applications, but don't remember ever seeing the application of Dr. Evans on it, and don't remember whether the application was for grade or for lot regulation.

Cross-examined.—Ellsworth avenue was cross sectioned under my direction. The work, in time, I have an account of, but don't recollect now. There was not a great amount of work. Three days in the field besides the calculations. We put in pins to fix grades. Putting in the pins by which to set curbs is more tedious than cross sectioning. I never did any work on Butler street. I think Mr. Howatt was employed by it. I don't know whether he was then in the employ of the city or not. Making the estimates is the principal part of the work prior to the construction.

SUMMING UP.

Mr. Slagle then summed up the case for the prosecution, and reviewed the testimony at considerable length. Taking up each charge, he considered the evidence in relation to it, and concerning the majority of them he alleged that the prosecution had fully made out a case. During the remarks of the speaker, Mr. E. P. Jones made an objection of some kind that excited the risibilities of Mr. Kirk, who was sitting just behind Mr. Jones, when the following brief but pithy conversation ensued:

GIGGLING AND SNEERING.

Mr. E. P. Jones—Well, we'll let the City Engineer explain. And, Mr. Chairman, permit me to say that I do not like Mr. Kirk to sit behind me and giggle and sneer in my ear. I won't stand it.

As he said this Mr. Jones jumped to his feet and turning round faced Mr. Kirk, and for a second or two gesticulated and talked rapidly.

Mr. Kirk—I will sneer when I please.

Mr. Scully, (jumping up and turning round) Well, if you do, we'll put you out of this room.

When Mr. Slagle had concluded, Mr. Dempster, in an energetic speech, touched on all the points brought out in the investigation, and submitted his case to the committee.

The committee then went into secret session, and Messrs. Semple, Fulton and McCreary were appointed to prepare a report for presentation to Councils on Monday. It is understood that the report will recommend all Commissioners to pay money only to men doing the work; will recommend giving the City Engineer entire supervision over all streets, whether being improved under the Penn avenue act or not, and will also exonerate him from all blame regarding the matter made the subject of investigation.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES.

Celebrations and Presentations.

Interesting Exercises in Various Churches in the City and Suburbs —How the Juveniles and the Older Folks Spent the Day.

CHRIST. M. E. CHURCH, SEWICKLEY.

A very large assemblage convened in the M. E. Church, Sewickley, on Wednesday evening, to participate in the festivities of the Christmas season. The decorations of the church were altogether the finest, and on this most extensive scale of anything ever attempted in the village. The figure of a star, formed of the gas jets, and placed in an elevated position in the east end of the building produced a splendid effect. The exercises were under the direction of Prof. M. B. Goff, Superintendent of the Sabbath School. Addresses, brief, lively, and appropriate were made by Hon. B. C. Christy, Judge J. W. F. White, and the pastor, Rev. James R. Mills. Presents were then made to the large number of children present. Near the close of the exercises Hon. D. N. White took the floor, and, addressing to Judge J. W. F. White a very complimentary speech presented him, in the name of the older members of the church, with a very elegant and costly French bronze mantel clock as an expression of their high appreciation of his earnest and indefatigable labors, continued during the twenty-one years of his residence in Sewickley, to promote all the interests of the church. The recipient of the gift was completely taken by surprise, and for a moment nearly overcome with emotion, but recovering himself, returned his thanks in a very happy speech. A somewhat similar, and to the recipient fully as unexpected a, scene was afterward enacted in the presentation by Judge White, on behalf of the married ladies of the church, to the pastor, of a superb study gown. The occasion was altogether a highly enjoyable one, the recollection of which will long linger in the memories of all present.

CENTRAL U. P. CHURCH, ALLEGHENY.

The Sabbath scholars connected with the Central United Presbyterian church, Allegheny, were handsomely entertained on Christmas Eve. The church which had been appropriately and beautifully festooned with wreaths of pines by the ladies of the congregation, presented a very handsome and cheerful appearance, and as the weather was all that could be desired, the attendance was very large, many of the children being accompanied by their parents and friends. The exercises were opened by the singing of several Christmas carols, which were beautifully rendered by the choir under the leadership of Prof. Walter B. Slack, assisted by the choir of the church, Miss Ella Gill, presiding at the organ. This was succeeded with a short but very appropriate address by the pastor, Rev. T. M. Johnson, at the conclusion of which, the distribution of the "good things" to the children was commenced. Each scholar was presented with a box well filled with candies, together with one or two apples, and on the top of each of the boxes were the following inscriptions: "Central United Presbyterian Church, Christmas Eve, 1873." "Say to the World, Peace on Earth and Good Will to Men." It is estimated that there were about 600 children in attendance, and they appreciated highly the efforts made to amuse and please them, was very evident to all who were present. After the children had been disposed of, the audience repaired to the school repaired to the residence of S. B. W. Gill, Esq., where it is hardly necessary to state they were handsomely entertained by Mr. G. and his estimable wife. A splendid collation was served, and several hours pleasantly whiled away in social intercourse, interspersed with some very fine music on the piano. The occasion was an exceedingly pleasant one, from the commencement until the close, and there is no question but what these occasions of teachers and scholars, if conducted in the right spirit, are productive of much good, and consequently, should be encouraged.

TRINITY CHURCH.

Among the most really delightful concomitants of this year's Christmas were the Sunday school festivals at the various churches. We hear glowing accounts of the religious jubilees held at most, if not all our churches. We were present only at Trinity Chapel, where probably two hundred children gathered. Parents and Mission schools were assembled, with their teachers. The chapel had been beautifully caparisoned with evergreens tastefully arranged, and illuminated with tiny lanterns of different colors, and across the further end of the spacious room were a triplet of arches, flanked on either hand by terraced shelving, covered with a profusion of fruits, bon bons, cakes and toys.

The Rector and Assistant Rector were present in their surplices and addressed the children alternately with Christmas carols. The addresses were very appropriate to the audience and the occasion, and the singing led by Mr. Houghwout, the organist, was creditable to his training. Bishop Kerfoot, still in feeble health, was present for a few minutes, made a brief address and pronounced a blessing. When these exercises were concluded the respective classes, each in charge of its teacher, advanced to the front and received its share of the good things provided and retiring in good order, the children wearing happy faces, indicating that the day and its incidents were altogether joyous. The night was one long to be remembered, and without a, was calculated to give the observer a higher appreciation of the thing commemorated as well as the manner of the commemoration.

THIRTY FIFTH WARD.

In the Lower Shaleerville school house, where, for five years past, a Mission Sabbath School has been in progress, mainly through the exertions of Messrs. Thomas F. Wershing and C. B. Johnson, as on every previous year, an elegant entertainment to the children was given here. At ten o'clock the edifice was crowded with bright and happy children. After singing and prayer, the Superintendent, Mr. Wershing, barger announced that a presentation was the first thing in order. Rev. R. T. Miller then stepped forth with some packages, which were shortly discovered to contain a beautiful silk hat, three superior stair shirts and a pair of elegant fur-lined kid gloves, all of which he presented to Rev. E Donehoo. In accepting these presents, Mr. Donehoo brought down the house in roars of applause. Then another presentation followed. Rev. Donehoo stood up with packages precisely similar to the former ones, and contents ditto, and presented them to Mr. Miller. The audience hugely enjoyed the embarrassing position of these two divines, as each had come expecting to make a presentation speech, but neither expecting to make a reply. After this Prof. Hull was called upon to present John Vickers with a suit of new clothes. Johnny, for five years, has kindled the fires and rendered other valuable services to the Sunday School. This was replied to, in behalf of the recipient, by Rev. Donehoo. Prof. Hull then recited "Minnie and Willie's Prayer," which was most cleverly done. After this each scholar was made the happy recipient of a box containing candies and nuts and upon which was pinned, "A merry Christmas and a happy New Year."

SCHOOL EXHIBITION AT MANSFIELD.

On Wednesday afternoon a very pleasant entertainment was given by the pupils of the public schools in the flourishing borough of Mansfield, on the Pan Handle railroad. These schools are taught by the Misses McDonough and Miller, and, considering the fact that both are quite young, and that they have had but little experience in teaching, and also that there are but six months of teaching in the year, the exercises, which consisted of recitations, spelling, declamations, dialogues, &c., were very creditable. There were some eight or ten colored pupils among the others they all seemed to get along together with perfect harmony and good feeling. There was a goodly number of the parents and friends of the schools present. County Superintendent Douthett was present and gave an address in his usual practical manner, expressing his regret that such a rich and thriving community should be content with the very imperfect school house they now have, and with only six months of school each year, and hoped that the time was not far distant when ample accommodations and teaching would be provided. Short addresses were also made by Messrs. Galbraith Chambers and R. C. Miller, after which the schools were dismissed, pleased, and no doubt profited by the afternoon proceedings.

OAKLAND M. E. SCHOOL.

It has been the custom of this school to give its Christmas treat on the evening of Christmas day. The large hall of the public school building was suitably prepared for the occasion, —two large and beautiful Christmas trees being finely ornamented. There was also a large and beautiful variety of plants, loaned by Messrs. Murdock, and artistically arranged by Mr. Buckman, their chief gardener. The exercises of the evening consisted of prayer by S. H. Baird, Esq., music by the school, led by S. S. Jack, Esq., Miss Anna Conrad presiding at the organ. A quartette was also present, comprising Prof. Bissell, the organist at Christ's M. E. Church, and one of the best professors of music in the city.—G. F. Belinge, W. H. Bullorth and G. F. Plowman. These gentleman favored the audience with a number of very beautiful pieces of music. A brief but excellent and appropriate address was delivered by Rev. E. M. Wood. Following this a number of books were presented to the infant children and boxes of candy were given to all. The exercises were brief, but interesting and pleasant.

BELLEFIELD PRESBYTERIAN SCHOOL.

The Christmas treat at this church took place Christmas night, according to custom. As usual the Sunday School scholars were present in force, and the entertainment preliminary to the treat, while very brief, was very interesting. Henry Lloyd, Esq., is the Superintendent, and conducted the exercises, which consisted of dialogues, recitations and music. These occupied about an hour, after which each person present was presented with the sweetmeats of the occasion. All seemed pleased and returned to their homes happy.

HAZLEWOOD SABBATH SCHOOL.

This school held a most enjoyable entertainment on Christmas evening. Their friends all united in making the annual festival a pleasant one. Extensive preparations had been made for the occasion. The exercises consisted of singing by some of the children and addresses by the pastor, Rev. J. S. Stuchell and Geo. J. Luckey, Esq., City Superintendent. Candies and refreshments were distributed among the children. The church was elegantly and tastefully decorated, and the occasion made a pleasant one.

SIXTH WARD MISSION.

The officers and teachers of this Sunday School, which is a branch of the Third Presbyterian, gave a Christmas entertainment to their pleasant entertainment to their scholars. The children, to the number of four hundred, assembled in the school room, and after brief addresses by Rev. Wesley Preston, the Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Noble, A. W. Bell, Esq., and others, the remarks being interspersed with singing, a liberal supply of "goodies" were distributed, which, of course, formed the closing feature.

THIRD U. P. CHURCH.

The regular Christmas treat was given to the children of the Sabbath school connected with the Third U. P. Church of this city. Upon the arrival short addresses, singing and prayer the bon bons were distributed to the children. Before the dismissal of the congregation, other presents not down on the bills were made. Rev. S. R. Frazier, the pastor was presented with a very elegant buggy-harness, lap robe, &c., his estimable lady with a sort of real point lace, and his little daughter with some very nice toys. These unexpected gifts were kindly acknowledged by Mr. Frazier in his usual eloquent manner.

MISSION SABBATH SCHOOL.

The Mission Sabbath School, for many years held in the Franklin street public school building, under the superintendency of Joel Kerr, Esq., held their annual reunion on Christmas, and were well provided for by the contributions of the friends of the school. Each scholar was provided with a box of confections. This humble instrumentality has been the means of much good and bringing in many a child from the streets and alleys, and placing a good example before them, and should be encouraged.

SURPRISE PARTY.

A very pleasant surprise party was gotten up by the Sabbath School Teachers of the Second U. P. Church, Allegheny, on Christmas eve. They met in a body at the residence of their Superintendent, Mr. H. W. McKee, and, not finding him at home, awaited his arrival with a packed lunch they had commendable. On his arrival he was ushered into the parlor. Mr. H., stepping to the front, presented him, in behalf of the teachers, with a complete water and cake set of gold and silver as a token of their regard. The Superintendent, although taken back by the unexpected testimonial, responded with a promptness which characterizes that gentleman, and, as surprises were the programme, the ladies announced that an adjourned meeting to the dining room would be in order. On reaching there they found a sumptuous repast, to which all did ample justice. Afterwards good feeling, wit and humor entertained all until "the wee sma' hours" of morning.

PRESENTATION.

On Christmas evening the ladies and gentlemen of Plymouth Congregational Church presented Rev. J. H. Crum and wife with a beautiful [illegible] Rodgers, Mrs. Chichester, Mrs. Gilmore and Mrs. Dr. Johnston of Sewickley, the [illegible] and fruit knife. Mr. J. A. Kier made the presentation speech, to which, of course, happy responses were made. After the presentation refreshments were served.

ROCHESTER.

Here the children of the Orphan's Home were not forgotten, but had their usual Christmas treat, for which the citizens of the borough liberally provided. In the morning the Baptist Sabbath School gave an entertainment in the town hall, and in the evening the pupils of the Methodist church made the recipients of many good things in their own edifice. On last evening the children connected with the Episcopal Sabbath School were entertained.

CANE PRESENTATION.

One of the most agreeable features of the Christmas Eve festivities at St. Peters Episcopal church was the presentation of a handsome gold-headed cane to the pastor, Rev. Dr. Spalding, by the Sunday School choir. Dr. Spalding has occupied much time and labor in bringing the choir to its present high state of perfection, and this *pleasing* event was intended by the members as a mark of esteem and appreciation of his valuable services.

SECOND U. P. MISSION SABBATH SCHOOL.

The children of the Second U. P. Church Mission Sabbath School were fed in good style by their teachers on Christmas eve. The church was festooned with evergreen and pine, giving it a regular holiday appearance. A large Christmas tree and old Kriss Kringle occupied a prominent position in the feast.

Go Now. Go Now.

Thousands have repaired to the Boston One Price Clothing House, No. 95 Smithfield street, and have reaped the advantages which their promptness deserved. They have ascertained in very practical way that it is better to spend twenty dollars at the "Hub" than twenty-five or thirty dollars for a similar garment somewhere else. They are not unwilling to save money when they can, and they have saved it. Those who would profit by such economy should *delay no longer*. The stock of Winter Clothing at No. 95 Smithfield street is still equal to all the demands of the throngs of customers; but those who are in want will not wait till the choicest bargains have been disposed of. Go now. The holidays are an excellent time to put on a new suit of clothes, and thus make a good beginning for the New Year, and the Boston One Price Clothing House is now the most excellent place in which to secure a handsome, serviceable, and, at the same time, cheap equipment for such a new start in life. Those who have tried this establishment heretofore have come back to it when they required any article of clothing, and this is one of the strongest possible evidences that the "Hub" is a good place to go to. Those who have not yet tried it should at once avail themselves of the rare inducements now presented by the proprietors.

No Abatement of Sales.

The magnificent and extensive jewelry house of Messrs. Geo. Crawford & Co., No. 76 Fifth avenue is now crowded with customers, for the reason that the public have learned what an excellent quality of jewelry is kept by this house and at what exceedingly low prices the same is sold. For some days before Christmas, it was a task to wedge one's self into or out of this store, and the throng is by no means falling off of patrons since. They are daily receiving new goods and say—come one, come all.

Styles For The New Year.

If there be any rule without an exception, it is that all things are changeable, and the changes in our apparel are so rapid and so many, that what was style last week, or last month, is now out of style. But let them change as they will, Mr. M. T. Heckert, of No. 47 North Diamond, Allegheny, is one of those watchful and enterprising Merchant Tailors who is always up to the style. His suits are peculiarly neat-fitting and fashionable, and his stock of Cloths, Cassimeres, Vestings and Furnishing Goods is very excellent.

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Still lingers at the Book and Stationery store of Muldenberg & Hoes, No. 45 Fifth avenue, where he offers to his patrons twenty per cent. discount on all sales of one dollar and upwards. All the leading periodicals and magazines are to be found on their counter, and in addition a rich assortment of elegant books, including a splendid assortment of American and English juvenile books. A fine line of Photograph Albums and the finest line of Pocketbooks west of Philadelphia.

Ladies' Furs at Prices to Suit the Times

Mink Sable Sets at $55 worth $75.
Mink Sable Sets at $45 worth $65.
Mink Sable Sets at $35 worth $55.
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And all other goods sold at corresponding low prices.

Ladies' furs cleansed and repaired at GRAHAM & MCGREGOR'S, No. 46 Federal street.

Hats and Caps.

A full line of Holiday Goods. Fine dress hats a specialty. Silk hats blacked, renovated and made to order.

At GRAHAM & MCGREGOR'S,
Hatters and Furriers,
No. 46 Federal street,
Allegheny City,
One square below R. R. depot.

January Reading.

As usual Pittock & Co. have all the magazines for the coming month, among the standing and valuable, Scribner, Harper, the Galaxy, Atlantic, Monthly Science, Godey's Ladies' Book and others. They have also The (Episcopal) Church Almanac, for 1874, with complete lists of the Bishops and Clergy of the United States and much other matter which church people can find nowhere else.

Great Sale of Dress Goods.

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Bargains.
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Everything at panic prices.
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Bargains in Merinos.
Bargains in Cashmeres.
Bargains in Poplins.
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Bargains in Serges.
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Merinos at 60, 65 and 75 cents.
Alpacas at 20, 25 and 37 cents.
Poplins at 12, 15, 18¾ and 20 cents.
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The entire stock reduced.
A regular closing-out sale.
Call soon and get some
Good bargains.
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172 and 174 Federal St.,
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A Good Fit Guaranteed.

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Men Leave Their Tis Without Notice—No Trains the Pan Handle Last Nig The Pennsylvania Compa Railroads Only Under the —The Engineers Strike Bec They Will Not Submit to aduction of Wages—Riotous Dnstrations —Tracks Obstruct Passenger Traffic to be F Resumed To-day.

Strikes at all times are inexient, but such a strike as occurred yestermong the locomotive engineers of the Pervania Company is one that is to be deplored which, for the time being, will cause se inconvenience to public travel. Generallen strikes are to be made, proper warning ven to those in authority as employers, and ast a little reasoning is done. This, how is not the case with this one, and the mep bring it about are not fully paid, and consently their action will not appeal very strongly ublic sympathy. The public have learned what an excellent quality of jewelry is kept by this house and at what exceedingly low prices the same is sold. For some days before Christmas, it was a task to wedge one's self into or out of this store, and the throng is by no means falling off of patrons since. They are daily receiving new goods and say—come one, come all.

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